

2019 - 2020 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

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| FALL SEMESTER (15 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> | SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> |
| ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required) | ENG 111* | Human Creativity | Transfer Guide |
| Mathematics (STAT 130 recommended; MATH 102M or higher acceptable) | Transfer Guide | ECON 201S | ECO 201* |
| Language & Culture I | Transfer Guide* | Language & Culture II | Transfer Guide* |
| Oral Communication | Transfer Guide | Interpreting the Past | Transfer Guide |
| POLS 100S | PLS 241 or 242* | POLS 101S | PLS 130, 135, 211 or 212* |

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

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| FALL SEMESTER (16 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> | SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> |
| ENGL 211C (Grade of C or better required) | ENG 112 or 210* | Literature | Transfer Guide |
| Language & Culture III | Transfer Guide* | Language & Culture IV | Transfer Guide* |
| The Nature of Science I | Transfer Guide | The Nature of Science II | Transfer Guide |
| Philosophy and Ethics | Transfer Guide | Impact of Technology | Transfer Guide |
| ECON 202S or GEOG 100S | ECO 202 or GEO 210* | POLS 102S | PLS 140* |

YEAR 3 -JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

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| FALL SEMESTER (15 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> | SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> |
| <u>Major Coursework:</u> | | <u>Major Coursework:</u> | |
| POLS 308 (Grade of C- or better required) <i>Satisfies Information Literacy and Research</i> | | POLS 300-/400-level "W" course (Grade of C or better required) | |
| POLS 300-/400-level elective**** | | POLS 300-/400-level elective**** | |
| POLS 300-/400-level elective**** | | POLS 400-level elective**** | |
| POLS 300-/400-level elective**** | | <u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u> | |
| <u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u> | | 300-/400-level course in minor subject | |
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YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)

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| FALL SEMESTER (15 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> | SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits) | <u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> |
| <u>Major Coursework:</u> | | <u>Major Coursework:</u> | |
| POLS 400-level elective**** | | POLS 400-level elective**** | |
| <u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u> | | <u>Elective Coursework:**</u> | |
| 300-/400-level course in minor subject | | 3-credit elective course | |
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| 3-credit elective course | | 3-credit elective course | |
| 3-credit elective course | | 1-credit elective course | |
| 3-credit elective course | | | |

NOTE: All students must complete and submit to the department a capstone paper in the junior or senior year.

***Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.*

****See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct elective choices.*

*****At least three POLS 300-400 elective courses must be in each of two emphasis areas: American politics/public law and International relations/comparative politics. POLS 497 (Independent Research) may be used for one POLS 400-level elective course.*

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.