

2025- 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Science (BS) 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)			
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
STAT 130M (Grade of C- or better required)	MTH 146, 155, 157, 240, 241, 242, 245*	Interpreting the Past	Transfer Guide
Language & Culture I (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Guide	Language & Culture II (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Guide
Oral Communication	Transfer Guide	3-credit elective course***	PLS 130, 135, 211 or 212*
POLS 101S	PLS 130, 135, 211 or 212*	POLS 100S	PLS 241 or 242*
YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112, 113, 115, 131*	Literature	Transfer Guide
The Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	The Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
ECON 201S	ECO 201*	Impact of Technology	Transfer Guide
Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide	ECON 202S or GEOG 100S	ECO 202 or GEO 210*
POLS 102S	PLS 140*	POLS 300-/400-level elective****	
YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)			
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 418	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u>		POLS 300-/400-level elective****	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u>	
<u>Elective Coursework:***</u>		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
3-credit elective course		<u>Elective Coursework:***</u>	
3-credit elective course		3-credit elective course	
YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)			
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 300-/400-level elective****		POLS 400-level elective****	
POLS 400-level elective****		POLS 400-level elective****	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u>		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**</u>	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
<u>Elective Coursework:***</u>		<u>Elective Coursework:***</u>	
3-credit elective course		1-credit elective course	
3-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.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.