POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Substantive Knowledge: Political Science students will demonstrate substantive knowledge of institutions, processes and values that shape politics within and among states, and the major theories, concepts, foundations, and methodologies used in the study of politics. (UG 9)
- Critical Thinking: Political Science students will develop the capacity to think critically about local, state, national, and global politics. (UG 2)
- Effective Communication: Political Science students will be able to present and defend their ideas, the information that they have acquired, and the analyses developed while utilizing scholarly approaches in political science. (UG 1)
- Research Skills: Political Science students will demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social and political science research, including proficiency in both quantitative and qualitative analysis, which will allow students to ask and answer basic political questions. (UG 3, UG 4)
- Engagement in Politics: Political Science students will be prepared for active citizenship and demonstrate an ongoing interest in local, state, national and global politics. (UG 7)

RELATED LINKS

Political Science, BA Program Page (https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/political-science/)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensures/)

CURRICULUM GUIDE

GPA REQUIREMENT

Major GPA: 2.00 or higher
Overall GPA: 2.00 or higher

SUMMARY*

Code	Title	Hours
Rock Studies 2 Requirements		42
Modern Language Requirement		0-9
Major Requirements		39
Electives		39

ROCK STUDIES 2 REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery [1]	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Humanities Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Natural Sciences Inquiry		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Physical Sciences Inquiry		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) [2]		12
Total Hours		**42**

[1] Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

[2] One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

BA Modern Language Requirement

BA degree requires language proficiency at the 103 class level. Exemption by placement or examination is possible.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 0-9 credits		0-9
Total Hours		**0-9**

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 21 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 21 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
Major Requirements		
Political Science Core Coursework		
POLI 101	American National Government [1]	3

POLI 103	International Relations [1]	3
POLI 255	Introduction to Public Policy [1]	3
POLI 263	Introduction to Comparative Politics [1]	3
POLI 310	Social Science Research Methods [1]	3
POLI 444	Social Science Capstone [1]	3
International Politics Concentration Required Coursework		*18*
Select 15 credits in International Relations and Comparative Politics		15
POLI 303	Seminar in Democracy [1]	
POLI 365	International Political Economy [1]	
POLI 367	Foreign Policy and International Security [1]	
POLI 369	Politics of Developing Areas [1]	
POLI 385	War and Political Violence [1]	
Select 6 credits in International Politics-Related Electives		6
POLI 215	Introduction to Political Theory [1]	
POLI 322	Model United Nations [1]	
POLI 450	Internship [1]	
COMM 217	Intercultural Communication [1]	
COMM 405	Global Media [1]	
CRIM 328	Transnational Crime & Justice [1]	
GES 303	Asia [1]	
GES 307	Australia [1]	
GES 331	Economic Geography [1]	
GES 344	Environmental Justice [1]	
GES 361	Gender and the Environment [1]	
GES 444	World Environmental Cultures [1]	
HIST 406	Mass Killing and Genocide in the Modern World [1]	
HIST 462	The Contemporary Middle East [1]	
HIST 463	Israel-History, State and Society [1]	
MKTG 303	Issues in Global Business [1]	
Total Hours		**39**

[1] Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University*.

PASSHE - Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Institutions

Political Science BA (5 68) with Concentration in International Politics (INPL) / CIM 344
This program is effective as of Summer 2025
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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
POLI 101	American National Government	3
POLI 255	Introduction to Public Policy	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FYRST Seminar *	1
MODL 1XX	Language and Culture I, II, or III	3
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery [1]	3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
POLI 103	International Relations	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
MODL 1XX	Language and Culture I, II, or III	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
	Hours	**15**
Second Year		
Fall		
POLI 255 or POLI 263	Introduction to Public Policy or Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
MODL 1XX	Language and Culture I, II, or III	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Declare a Thematic Thread [2]		
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major		3
	Hours	**15**
Third Year		
Fall		
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
	Hours	**15**

Spring		
POLI 310	Social Science Research Methods	3
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major		3
	Hours	**15**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
POLI 444	Social Science Capstone	3
POLS XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free/Minor/Certificate/Second Major		6
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
Free/Minor/Certificate/Second Major		12
POLI XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours**	**121**

[1] Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

[2] Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

***This document serves as a guide. Earning a degree requires at least 120 credits, though some majors require more. Before registering for courses, consult your academic adviser and review your curriculum guide. Be sure to review and confirm your plan with your adviser at least once each academic year.*

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