

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND 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
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	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	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
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

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

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		
<i>Political Science Core Coursework</i>		
POLS 101	American National Government ¹	3
POLS 103	International Relations ¹	3
POLS 255	Introduction to Public Policy ¹	3
POLS 263	Introduction to Comparative Politics ¹	3
POLS 310	Political Science Research Toolkit ¹	3
POLS 444	Applied Political Analysis ¹	3
<i>Law and Politics Concentration Required Coursework</i>		
Required Courses		
POLS 215	Introduction to Political Theory	3
POLS 223	Law and Courts ¹	3
POLS 357	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	3
POLS 403	Constitutional Law	3
Select 6 credits in Political Science Electives		6
POLS 200	State and Local Government ¹	
POLS 303	Seminar in Democracy ¹	
POLS 321	The Presidency ¹	
POLS 325	The Congress ¹	
POLS 351	Politics of Race ¹	
POLS 359	Policy Analysis and Evaluation ¹	
POLS 450	Internship	
Select 3 credits in Electives		3
COMM 410	Communication Law ¹	
CRIM 110	Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice Systems ¹	
CRIM 263	Introduction to Criminal Procedure ¹	
CRIM 422	The Death Penalty ¹	
CSS 352	Law & Ethics in the Workplace ¹	
ENGL 312	Introduction to Shakespeare ¹	
GES 324	Environmental Law and Policy ¹	
HIST 326	The Long Civil Rights Movement ¹	
HIST 423	Ancient Rome ¹	
HIST 453	American Constitutional History and Law ¹	
HSS 441	Terrorism, Law and National Security ¹	
PHIL 113	Formal Logic ¹	
PHIL 123	Ethics ¹	
PHIL 331	Social and Political Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 335	Philosophy of Law and Justice ¹	
SPMT 486	Sport Law and Facilities 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 Law and Politics (LAPL)

This program is effective as of Summer 2021

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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
POLS 101	American National Government	3
POLS 255 or POLS 263	Introduction to Public Policy or Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FIRST Seminar *	1
MODL 1XX	Language and Culture I, II, or III	3
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
Hours		16
Spring		
POLS 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	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
POLS 255 or POLS 263	Introduction to Public Policy or Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 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

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Spring

POLS XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
POLS 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

POLS XXX	Concentration Requirement	3
POLS 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

POLS 310	Political Science Research Toolkit	3
POLS 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

POLS 444	Applied Political Analysis	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
POLS 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 is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.*

Major Code: 5 68

Concentration Code: LAPL