

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - CONCENTRATION IN PROFESSIONAL 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.
- **Critical Thinking:** Political Science students will develop the capacity to think critically about local, state, national, and global politics.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Engagement in Politics:** Political Science students will be prepared for active citizenship and demonstrate an ongoing interest in local, state, national and global politics.

RELATED LINKS

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

Political Science Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cla/departments/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 Requirements | 42 |
| | Modern Language Requirement | 0-9 |
| | Other Basic Requirements | 0-3 |
| | Computer Competency | 0-3 |
| | Major Requirements | 42 |
| | Electives | 36 |

ROCK STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Rock | | |
| SUBJ 139 | University Seminar 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-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| <i>Humanities Inquiry</i> | | |
| Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| <i>Social Science Inquiry</i> | | |
| Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 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-quick-guide/) ² | | 12 |
| Total Hours | | 42 |

- ¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.
- ² From at least 3 categories; no more than 6 credits from one department; 6 credits must be 300-level or above.

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 | | |

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| ESAP 110 | Beginning Algebra | |
| Total Hours | | 0-3 |

Computer Competency

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--|------------|
| Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following: | | 0-3 |
| Pass Computer Competency Exam OR | | |
| Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution: | | |
| CPSC 100 | Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts | |
| CPSC 110 | Computer Concepts | |
| CPSC 130 | Introduction to Computing and Programming | |
| PE 202 | Technology for Wellness | |
| Total Hours | | 0-3 |

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 110 | Foundations of Political Science ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 255 | Introduction to Public Policy ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 263 | Introduction to Comparative Politics ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 310 | Research Methods ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 444 | Capstone: Political Analysis ¹ | 3 |
| <i>Professional Politics Concentration Required Coursework</i> | | |
| Required Courses | | |
| POLS 200 | State and Local Government ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 301 | Organized Political Action ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 328 | Assessing Public Opinion ¹ | 3 |
| POLS 372 | Campaign Management & Strategy ¹ | 3 |
| Select 3 credits in Political Institutions | | 3 |
| POLS 223 | Law and Courts ¹ | |
| POLS 321 | The Presidency ¹ | |
| POLS 325 | The Congress ¹ | |
| Select 6 credits in Professional Politics-Related Electives | | 6 |
| POLS 303 | Seminar in Democracy ¹ | |
| POLS 329 | Political Learning ¹ | |
| POLS 450 | Internship ¹ | |
| NLPA 120 | Civic Engagement and Community Decision-Making ¹ | |
| NLPA 220 | Introduction to Nonprofit Management ¹ | |
| NLPA 320 | Community Change and Development ¹ | |
| Total Hours | | 42 |

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 Professional Politics (PRPL)

This program is effective as of Fall 2021.

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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

| Course | Title | Hours |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| POLS 101 | American National Government | 3 |
| ENGL 102 | Critical Writing | 3 |
| INDS 101 | FIRST Seminar * | 1 |
| MODL 1XX | Language and Culture I, II, or III | 3 |
| SUBJ 139 | University Seminar ¹ | 3 |
| Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Spring | | |
| POLS 103 | International Relations | 3 |
| POLS 110 | Foundations of Political Science | 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 | Introduction to Public Policy | 3 |
| POLS 263 | Introduction to Comparative Politics | 3 |
| MODL 1XX | Language and Culture I, II, or III | 3 |
| Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |

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|---|----------------------------------|------------|
| Declare a Thematic Thread ² | | 15 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| POLS 310 | Research Methods | 3 |
| POLS 2XX | Concentration Requirement | 3 |
| MATH 117 | Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
| Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major | | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Third Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| POLS 3XX/4XX | Concentration Requirement | 6 |
| SCI 101 | Science of Life | 3 |
| Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major | | 3 |
| Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| POLS 3XX/4XX | Concentration Requirement | 6 |
| Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| SCI 102 | Understanding the Physical World | 3 |
| Elective/Minor/Certificate/Second Major | | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Fourth Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| POLS 444 | Capstone: Political Analysis | 3 |
| POLS 3XX/4XX | Concentration Requirement | 3 |
| Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) | | 3 |
| Free/Minor/Certificate/Second Major | | 6 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| Free/Minor/Certificate/Second Major | | 12 |
| POLS | Concentration Elective | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Total Hours** | | 121 |

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: PRPL
 Revised: 10.18.2021

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. Click here (<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ul1VhjsH90-30bc6d8W9kIM7Wtmwv-VJnD6riXkdMh1UNEFHMUNH0EI5TkJOWIRHVzRCMzi3UldNTi4u>) to declare a thread.

* Students are encouraged to take INDS 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