

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

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		
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.*

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