

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY

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>Public Policy Concentration Required Coursework</i>		
Required Courses		
POLS 351	Politics of Race ¹	3
POLS 359	Policy Analysis and Evaluation ¹	3
POLS 364	Using Evidence to Solve Public Problems ¹	3
Select 3 credits in Substantive Policy coursework		3
POLS 303	Seminar in Democracy ¹	
POLS 398	Selected Topics ¹	

<i>POLS 450</i>	<i>Internship</i> ¹	
Select 9 credits in Public Policy-Related Electives		9
POLS 200	State and Local Government ¹	
POLS 301	Organized Political Action ¹	
POLS 328	Assessing Public Opinion ¹	
POLS 365	International Political Economy ¹	
POLS 367	Foreign Policy and International Security ¹	
POLS 369	Politics of Developing Areas ¹	
ECON 312	Critical Choices in Health Care Policy ¹	
GES 324	Environmental Law and Policy ¹	
GES 325	Introduction to Geographic Information Science ¹	
GES 344	Environmental Justice ¹	
INDP 304	Urban Sociology ¹	
INDP 309	Health and Society ¹	
NLPA 230	Introduction to Public Administration ¹	
NLPA 328	Program Design and Evaluation in Nonprofit and Governmental Organizations 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.*

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