Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts
Political Science Major
2010-2011 Old Dominion University Catalog

with VCCS equivalencies in (parentheses)
(* indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer)

Entrance Writing Sample Placement Test: _______________

LOWER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION

A. Skills

Written Communication (C or better required in ENGL 110C before declaring major)
ENGL 110C _____3(ENGL 111)*
ENGL 211C _____3(ENGL 112 or 210)*

Oral Communication _____3(See transfer guide)
COMM 101R, 103R, or 112R

Mathematics _____3(See transfer guide)
MATH 102M, 162M or STAT 130M
(BS degree requires C- or better in STAT 130M. BA degree may take any math above but STAT 130M is recommended)

Language and Culture _____0-12(See transfer guide)
(See transfer guide)
(BS students require competence at 102F level, BA students require competence at 202F level, which is not met by associate degree)

Information Literacy and Research (satisfied in major)

B. Ways of Knowing

Human Creativity _____3(See transfer guide)
ARTH 121A, ARTS 122A, MUSC 264A, DANC 185A, THEA 241A, COMM/THEA 270A

Interpreting the Past _____3(See transfer guide)
HIST 100H, 101H, 102H, 103H, 104H, or 105H

Literature _____3(See transfer guide)
ENGL 112L, 114L, or FLET 100L

Philosophy & Ethics _____3(See transfer guide)
PHIL 110P, 120P, 140P, 230E, 250E, 303E, 344E, 345E, 441E, or 442E

The Nature of Science _____4(See transfer guide)
BIO 105N-106N, 108N-109N, _____4(See transfer guide)
CHEM 105N/106N-107N/108N, PHYS 101N-102N, 103N-104N, OEAS 106N-107N, OEAS 110N (or 111N)-112N

Human Behavior
ECON 201S _____3(ECO 201)*

Impact of Technology _____3(See transfer guide)
COMM 372T, CS 300T, DNTH 440T, or ENGL 307T, GEOG 306T, HIST 300T, 304T, 386T, 389T, IT 360T, MUSC 335T, PHIL 383T, POLS 350T, STEM 110T, 370T, or WMST 390T

Foundation courses (BA, 15 hours; BS, 18 hours)
POLS 100S Intro to Intnl Politics _____3(PLS 241, 242)*
POLS 101S Intro to Am Politics _____3(PLS 130, 135, 211, 212)*
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative Government & Politics _____3(PLS 140)*
POLS 308 Research Design (C- or better required) _____3
POLS 418 Quant Meth (BS only) _____3
ECON 202S or GEOG 100S _____3 (ECO 202 or GEO 210*

Political Science 300-400 level electives
(BA: 24 hrs; BS: 21 hrs)

BA requires 24 hours with at least nine at the 400 level.
BS requires 21 hours with at least nine at the 400 level.
Both require a minimum of nine hours in each of two emphasis areas: American politics/public law and international relations/comparative politics. No more than three hours can be taken from POLS 367 and 368, and no more than three hours can be taken from POLS 497. One elective must be writing intensive. All majors must complete a capstone paper and submit it to the department in the junior or senior year.
POLS 300-400 electives _____12
POLS 300-400 elective (BA only) _____3
POLS 400 electives _____9

See course listings in this Catalog for elective choices.
VCCS equivalencies transferring to ODU with a C or better: PLS 136 =POLS 331, PLS 200=POLS 310, PLS 225=POLS 407.

UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION

Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
Option C. International business and regional courses or an approved certification program, such as teaching licensure
Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from another Component within the College of Arts and Letters (Arts and Humanities or Social Science) that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, passage of the Exit Examination of Writing Proficiency, and completion of Senior Assessment.