Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts
Political Science Major
2012-2013 Old Dominion University Catalog

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 211C 3

Oral Communication 3
COMM 101R, 103R, or 112R

Mathematics
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
(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 the major by POLS 308)

B. Ways of Knowing

Human Creativity 3
ARTH 121A, ARTS 122A, MUSC 264A, DANC 185A,
THEA 241A, COMM/THEA 270A

Interpreting the Past 3
HIST 100H, 101H, 102H, 103H,
104H, or 105H

Literature 3
ENGL 112L, 114L, or FLET 100L

Philosophy & Ethics 3
PHIL 110P, 120P, 140P, 230E, 303E, 344E, 345E,
441E, or 442E

The Nature of Science 4
BIO 105N-106N, 108N-109N,
CHEM 105N/106N-107N/108N, PHYS 101N-102N, 103N-
104N, OENS 106N-107N, OENS 110N (or 111N)-112N

Human Behavior
(ECON 201S required) 3

Impact of Technology 3
COMM 372T, CS 300T, DENTH 440T, or ENGL 307T,
GEOG 306T, HIST 300T, 304T, 386T, 389T, IT 360T,
MUSC 335T, SCI 302T, PHIL 383T, POLS 350T, STEM
110T, 370T, or WMST 390T

Foundation courses (B.A. 15 hours, B.S. 18 hours)
POLS 100S Intro to Intl Politics 3
POLS 101S Intro to Am Politics 3
POLS 102S Intro to Comparative 3
Government & Politics
POLS 308 Research Design
(C- or better required) 3
POLS 418 Quant Meth (BS only) 3
ECON 202S or GEOG 100S 3

Political Science 300-400 level electives
(B.A. 24 hrs, B.S. 21 hrs)
Both the B.A. and B.S. require that at least nine hours are 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
POLS 368 and no more than three hours can be taken from
POLS 497. One elective must be writing intensive. All
majors must complete and submit to the department a
capstone paper in the junior or senior year.
POLS 300-400 electives 9
POLS 300-400 level writing intensive W course 3
POLS 300-400 elective (BA only) 3
POLS 400-level electives 9
See course listings in this Catalog for elective choices.

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 the Arts and
Humanities Component within the College of Arts and
Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Graduation requirements include a minimum cumulative
grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120
credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30
credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level
courses in the major program from Old Dominion
University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or
221C or 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the
major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior
Assessment.