2017 - 2018 Old Dominion University Catalog
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.
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NOTES: All students must complete and submit to the department a capstone paper in the junior or senior year.
**Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.
***See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct elective choices.
****At least three POLS 300-400 elective courses must be in each of two emphasis areas: American politics/public law and International relations/comparative politics. POLS 497 (Independent Research) may be used for one POLS 400-level elective course.

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

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

- ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)
- Mathematics (MATH 102M or higher)
- Language & Culture I
- Oral Communication
- POLS 100S

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

- ENGL 111* Human Creativity
- ECON 201S
- Language & Culture II
- Interpreting the Past
- POLS 101S

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)

- ENGL 211C (Grade of C or better required)
- Language & Culture III
- The Nature of Science I
- Philosophy and Ethics
- ECON 202S or GEOG 100S

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

- ENG 112 or 210* Literature
- Language & Culture IV
- The Nature of Science II
- Impact of Technology
- PLS 214 or 215

YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

- Major Coursework: POLS 308
- Information Literacy and Research
- POLS 300-/400-level elective****
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- Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:** 300-/400-level course in minor subject

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

- Major Coursework: POLS 300-/400-level "W" course
- POLS 400-level elective****
- Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:** 300-/400-level course in minor subject

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (28 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

- Major Coursework: POLS 400-level elective****
- Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:** 300-/400-level course in minor subject

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)

- Major Coursework: PLS 300-/400-level "W" course
- Elective Coursework:** 3-credit elective course
- Elective Coursework:** 1-credit elective course

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