

2023 - 2024 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science (BA)

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)
Mathematics (STAT 130 recommended; MATH 102M or higher acceptable)
 Language & Culture I
Oral Communication
 POLS 101S

VCCS Equivalency:

ENG 111*
[Transfer Guide](#)
[Transfer Guide*](#)
[Transfer Guide](#)
 PLS 130, 135, 211 or 212*

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

Human Creativity
 ECON 201S
 Language & Culture II
Interpreting the Past
 POLS 100S

VCCS Equivalency:

[Transfer Guide](#)
 ECO 201*
[Transfer Guide*](#)
[Transfer Guide](#)
 PLS 241 or 242*

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

VCCS Equivalency:

ENG 112 or 210*
[Transfer Guide*](#)
[Transfer Guide](#)
[Transfer Guide](#)
 ECO 202 or GEO 210*

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

Literature
 Language & Culture IV
The Nature of Science II
Impact of Technology
 POLS 102S

VCCS Equivalency:

[Transfer Guide](#)
[Transfer Guide*](#)
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[Transfer Guide](#)
 PLS 140*

YEAR 3 -JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:

POLS 308 (Grade of C- or better required)*Satisfies 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

VCCS Equivalency:

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:

POLS 300-/400-level "W" course (Grade of C or better required)
 POLS 300-/400-level elective****
 POLS 400-level elective****

Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:**

300-/400-level course in minor subject
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VCCS Equivalency:

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

Elective Coursework:**

3-credit elective course
 3-credit elective course
 3-credit elective course

VCCS Equivalency:

SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)

Major Coursework:

POLS 400-level elective****

Elective Coursework:**

3-credit elective course
 3-credit elective course
 3-credit elective course
 1-credit elective course

VCCS Equivalency:

NOTE: 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.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.