POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (370000BA)

More on the Political Science major ([https://www.uakron.edu/polisci/academics/undergraduate/](https://www.uakron.edu/polisci/academics/undergraduate/))

Successful graduates of this program go on to graduate or law school, manage campaigns, run for office, work in state and local government or for various federal government agencies, including the U.S. Marshall’s Office, U.S. State Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Environmental Protection Agency, and Amnesty International.

Statement of Policies – Admission

For students enrolled at The University of Akron and for students wishing to transfer directly to Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences from other institutions, the following criteria must be satisfied for admission to the Department of Political Science:

- The student must be admissible to Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences
- A minimum grade point average of 2.20 must be met in all university work, including transfer credits
- A minimum grade point average of 2.20 must be met in all work in Political Science, including university and transfer credits. Only credits earned at an accredited institution of post-secondary education, as recognized by The University of Akron, will be considered for transfer credit, and only those grades will be considered in the grade point average.

Retention

Students in the Political Science programs must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.20 overall and a minimum of 2.20 grade point average in Political Science courses (including transfer credit) in order to remain in the program. A student who fails to maintain the 2.20 cumulative average (including transfer credit) will be placed on academic probation. Failure to raise the average after one semester will result in dismissal from the program. The student may not apply for readmission for at least one semester.

The following information has official approval of The Department of Political Science and The Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (DPR) which is definitive for graduation requirements. Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others. The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Requirements Summary

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Political Science Core 15
Political Science 300/400 Level Courses 18
Additional Credits for Graduation * 39

Total Hours 120

* Bachelor’s degrees require a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.

Note: A 2.2 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.

General Education Courses

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Students pursuing a bachelor’s degree must complete three tiers of General Education coursework. Tiers I and II provide students with foundational skills and breadth of disciplinary knowledge. Tier III courses require students to integrate knowledge, understand diverse perspectives, and think critically about complex issues. Courses tagged for Tier III may also fulfill major or Disciplinary Area requirements.

Tier I: Academic Foundations 12

Quantitative Reasoning: 3 credit hours 1

3450:135 Mathematics for Everyday Life
or 3470:250 Statistics for Everyday Life
or 3470:260 Basic Statistics
or 3470:261 Introductory Statistics I
or 3470:262 Introductory Statistics II

Speaking: 3 credit hours
Writing: 6 credit hours

Tier II: Disciplinary Areas 22

Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours
Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours
Social Sciences: 6 credit hours

Tier III: Tagged Courses

Select one class from each of the following subcategories:
Complex Systems
Critical Thinking
Domestic Diversity
Global Diversity

Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.

Total Hours 34

1 At least three credits must come from one of the courses listed.

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

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Degree requirements in Arts & Sciences include the demonstration of ability to use another language by completion of the second year of a foreign language.

Foreign Language 14

101 Beginning I
102 Beginning II
201 Intermediate I
202 Intermediate II
Survey of Deaf Culture in America (American Sign Language option only)

Students must also complete a minimum of 40 credits (excluding workshops) consisting of either:

- Upper-level (300/400) courses both in and outside of the student’s major;
- or other courses outside the major department approved by the student's major department chair (permission should be obtained prior to enrollment); these may not include workshops.

### Political Science Core

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<td>Government &amp; Politics in the United States</td>
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<td>Introduction to Political Research</td>
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<td>Comparative Politics</td>
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<td>Introduction to Political Thought</td>
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### Political Science 300/400 Level Courses

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<td>3700:392</td>
<td>Selected Topics in Political Science</td>
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<td>Internship in Government &amp; Politics</td>
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1. Nine credits must be at the 400 level or above.
2. No more than 3 credits of a Selected Topics course (3700:392 Selected Topics in Political Science) may be applied toward completion of the major requirements.
3. No more than 4 credits from an internship (3700:395 Internship in Government & Politics) may be applied toward completion of the major requirements.