

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (370000BA)

More on the Political Science major (<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 (Stellic) 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.

Three year accelerated option: for first time students who have earned credits for at least the first year of courses. Credits can be earned through qualifying scores on appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) exams or through [College Credit Plus](#) Program (CCP) courses. Credits for qualifying AP scores or CCP courses are determined by the appropriate academic department. Departments may assign varied course credit, depending on the student's score on an AP exam or [grade](#)

in a CCP course. Students may also receive credit by examination or via placement tests, where appropriate.

Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/)	36
	College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	14
	Political Science Core	15
	Political Science 300/400 Level Courses	20
	Additional Credits for Graduation *	35
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.

Recommended General Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete the following General Education coursework. Diversity courses may also fulfill major or Breadth of Knowledge requirements. Integrated and Applied Learning courses may also fulfill requirements in the major.		
Students are not required to enroll in the specific courses listed below. However, to facilitate successful degree completion, the academic department strongly encourages completion of the following recommendations.		
Academic Foundations		12
	<i>Mathematics, Statistics and Logic: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Speaking: 3 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Writing: 6 credit hours</i>	
Breadth of Knowledge		22
	<i>Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours</i>	
	<i>Social Sciences: 6 credit hours</i>	
	POLIT 100 Government & Politics in the United States	
	POLIT 150 World Politics & Government	
Diversity		
	Domestic Diversity	
	Global Diversity	
	POLIT 300 Comparative Politics	
Integrated and Applied Learning		2
<i>Select one class from one of the following subcategories:</i>		
	Complex Issues Facing Society	
	Capstone	
<i>Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.</i>		
Total Hours		36

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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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.

<i>2 Year Language Proficiency</i>		<i>14</i>
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101 Beginning I		
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102 Beginning II		
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201 Intermediate I		
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202 Intermediate II		
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SLPA 222	Survey of Deaf Culture in America (American Sign Language option only)	
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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

Code	Title	Hours
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Political Science Core

POLIT 100	Government & Politics in the United States	3
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POLIT 150	World Politics & Government	3
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POLIT 301	Introduction to Political Research	3
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POLIT 300	Comparative Politics	3
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POLIT 203	Introduction to Political Thought	3
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Total Hours		15
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Political Science 300/400 Level Courses

Code	Title	Hours
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Complete 18 credits:		18
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POLIT:3xx		
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POLIT:4xx ¹		
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POLIT 392	Selected Topics in Political Science ²	
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POLIT 395	Internship in Government & Politics ³	
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Total Hours		18
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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 (POLIT 392 Selected Topics in Political Science) may be applied toward completion of the major requirements.

³ No more than 4 credits from an internship (POLIT 395 Internship in Government & Politics) may be applied toward completion of the major requirements.