

POLITICAL SCIENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, BA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, National Security (370018BA)

More on the Political Science, National Security major (<https://www.uakron.edu/polisci/academics/undergraduate/>)

This degree track will prepare students for the study and practice of national security. Thus, the degree track will help educate students for a career in international diplomacy, the Intelligence Community, the military, private intelligence and security contractors, law enforcement, business, as well as others.

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

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/)	34
	College of Arts & Sciences Requirements	14
	Required Courses	15
	Track Core Electives	6
	Core Electives	9
	Additional Credits for Graduation *	42
	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

Code	Title	Hours
	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
	<i>Quantitative Reasoning: 3 credit hours</i> ¹	
	<i>Speaking: 3 credit hours</i>	

Writing: 6 credit hours

Tier II: Disciplinary Areas	22
<i>Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours</i>	
<i>Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours</i>	
<i>Social Sciences: 6 credit hours</i>	
Tier III: Tagged Courses	
<i>Select one class from each of the following subcategories:</i>	
Complex Systems	
Critical Thinking	
Domestic Diversity	
Global Diversity	
<i>Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.</i>	
Total Hours	34

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

College of Arts & Sciences Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	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>Foreign Language</i>	14
	101 Beginning I	
	102 Beginning II	
	201 Intermediate I	
	202 Intermediate II	
	7700:222 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

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
3700:100	Government & Politics in the United States	3
3700:150	World Politics & Government	3
3700:300	Comparative Politics	3
3700:301	Introduction to Political Research	3
3700:303	Introduction to Political Thought	3
	Total Hours	15

Track Core Electives

Code	Title	Hours
	Complete six credits:	6
3700:310	International Politics & Institutions	
3700:328	American Foreign Policy Process	
3700:336	Homeland Security Policy and Process	
3700:337	Terrorism: Perpetrators, Politics and Response	

3700:446	National Security Intelligence	
Total Hours		6

Track Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete nine credits:		9
3700:326	Politics of Developing Nations	
3700:339	Terrorism and the Constitution	
3700:352	Weapons of Mass Destruction	
3700:400	Political Extremism & Violence	
3700:405	Politics in the Middle East	
3700:410	International Security Policy	
3700:413	Global Public Health Threats	
3700:414	Wealth and Power Among Nations	
3700:417	Climate Crisis: Global Warming, Renewable Energy, and Related Policy Issues	
3700:445	Al Qaeda and ISIS	
3700:447	Counterterrorism	
3700:448	Intelligence Analysis	
3700:461	The Supreme Court & Constitutional Law	
3700:463	Human Rights in World Politics	
3700:492	Selected Topics in Political Science	
Total Hours		9