



ADVISING WORKSHEET: POLITICAL SCIENCE

GENERAL NOTES

- A minimum of 123 credits are required for graduation.
 - Credits earned for COM 100 and MAT 100 do not count toward the 123 credits required for graduation. COM 100 students may receive elective credit if certain conditions are met.
 - Where appropriate, courses required for the major can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. However, the number of credits earned for these courses are applied to either Gen Ed requirements or the major, not both.
 - Paths of Knowledge coursework may count towards major or minor requirements, but may not fulfill a second Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration requirement.
 - Students are expected to follow the catalog requirements for General Education, the major, and additional requirements.
 - A minor or second major within the areas listed under Paths of Knowledge automatically fulfills that area of the Gen Ed requirements.
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MAJOR NOTES

1. POS majors are encouraged to take a double major or one or two minors.
 2. POS majors commonly do an internship for one semester or during the summer in their junior or senior year.
 3. POS majors who are part of the Honors Program fulfill at least 3 of the or core or major requirements with Honors courses; they also must take 6-credits worth of thesis.
 4. POS majors may study abroad.
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJORS

Political Science Club (POSCI)

The Political Science Club supports the College's mission statement by expanding student's knowledge of and participation in politics at the state, local, and national levels. We are committed to raising political awareness and serving the community. The POSCI members meet to discuss political issues and events, to host or see speakers, and to become actively involved in debates, including Mock Trials and Model United Nations. Membership is open to anyone at Alvernia University interested in politics or political issues.

The Washington Center Experience

Alvernia students have an opportunity to earn college credit by spending a semester or summer in Washington, D.C. where they serve as interns in a congressional office, government agency, major corporation, newspaper or news network, or agencies devoted to legal affairs, international relations, or business and economics. They also may intern with one of several non-profit groups dealing with the environment, women's issues, the arts, education, science, or labor relations among others. Participants are customarily juniors or seniors who have achieved grade point averages of 2.5 or better and who have the endorsement of the appropriate academic area. In addition to their internship, students select one seminar dealing with the arts and humanities, communication, public policy, the legal system, business, and government. Interested students should see their academic advisor.

General Education (54-56 credits)

First Year Curriculum: Enduring Questions	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
SRH 101: Search Sem-Enduring Questions or HNR 160: Honor Search-Enduring Questions	3	SRH 101 / HNR 160			
COM 101: Composition & Research (Must earn a C or higher)	3	COM 101			
THE 105: Foundations of Theology	3	THE 105			
PHI 105: Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHI 105			

Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
EXPLORING THE NATURAL WORLD (6-8 credits)					
Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3-4				
Math (Other than MAT 100)	3-4				
INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITIES (6 credits)					
History or Political Science	3	MET IN MAJOR			
PSY 101, HIS, POS, SOC, SSC, or ECON	3	MET IN MAJOR			
CULTURE & LANGUAGE (9 credits)					
Communication (Not COM 100 or 101)	3				
World Language – 2 courses in sequence	3				
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CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS (6 credits)					
Literature (ENG)	3				
Art or Music or Theatre	3				

Ethical Leaders and Followers	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
Theology or Philosophy (200-400 level)	3				
Theology or Philosophy (Ethics/Morality @ 200 level)	3				

Paths of Knowledge – Choose 1 Path		PoK may count towards minor or Related Requirements, but not Mid-Level Arts Exploration requirements.			
____ PATH 1: Interdisciplinary Study (IS) Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level from the interdisciplinary minors of Women & Gender Studies, Digital Media, Community & Environmental Sustainability, Community Engagement, Cultural Studies, Leadership Studies or Pre-Law.		____ PATH 2: Multi-disciplinary Study (MS) Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level employing multiple disciplinary perspectives to explore the Enduring Questions in one of the following themes: Cultural & Global Studies, Imagination & Creativity, Peace & Conflict, Poverty & Wealth or Sustainability, Science & Technology.		____ PATH 3: In-depth Disciplinary Study (DS) Three courses at the 200-400 level in one Liberal Arts discipline other than one's major, guided by common ideas and methods of inquiry. Students choose from Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theology, Theatre or World Languages. This path may be used to give students a firm foundation in a discipline supporting their chosen major, or to pursue an interest in one of the Liberal Arts disciplines.	
Course (See Catalog for lists of approved courses for each area.)		Area or Discipline	Term	Grade	Credits Earned

BA POLITICAL SCIENCE (30 credits)

REQUIRED POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES (30 credits)

Required Political Science Courses (30 credits)		Term	Grade	Credits
POS 101: Introduction to Political Science				3
POS 111: American Democratic Government				3
One =>	POS 212: Comparative Politics			3
	POS 225: Contemporary World Affairs			
POS 424: History of Political Thought				3
POS 425: Research Seminar				3
Five additional courses in POS	POS			3
	POS			3
	POS			3
	POS			3
	POS			3

RELATED REQUIREMENTS

Research Paper (Completed in POS 425: Research Seminar)

RECOMMENDED INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

It is recommended that students complete an internship at the local, state, or national level. Students can earn from 3-12 credits in the internship experience.

ELECTIVES, MINOR, or SECOND MAJOR as required for the minimum 123 credits (not including MAT 100, COM 100).

Note: courses in English, History, Philosophy, and Communication are recommended.

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*** Please be advised to double check the 22-23 Course Catalog to ensure that you meet all prerequisite expectations for all required and related classes for this major.***

EIGHT SEMESTER PLAN

Below is a suggested plan; it is not a prescribed progression.

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
SRH 101: Search Seminar or HNR 160: Honors Search	3	POS 101: Introduction to Political Science <u>OR</u> POS 111: American Democratic Government	3
THE 105 or PHI 105	3	THE 105 or PHI 105	3
COM 101: Composition and Research	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
POS 101: Introduction to Political Science <u>OR</u> POS 111: American Democratic Government	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
POS 212: Comparative Politics <u>OR</u> POS 225: Contemporary World Affairs	3	POS 212: Comparative Politics <u>OR</u> POS 225: Contemporary World Affairs	3
Elective	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Elective	1	Elective	1
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
POS ELECTIVE	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
POS ELECTIVE	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Elective	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Elective	1		
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
POS 424: history of Political Thought	3	POS 425: Research Seminar	3
Elective	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS	GRADUATION CREDITS EARNED	
___ SRH 101/HNR 160: Search Seminar	___ Minimum of 123 non-remedial credits earned	Liberal Arts Core credits earned	
___ HUMAN DIVERSITY	___ 45 of last 60 credits	Major and Related Area credits earned	
___ COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS	___ Minimum of 12 Alvernia credits in the major	Elective and/or Minor credits earned	
___ OVERALL GPA = 2.0 or higher	___ Minimum of 9 Alvernia credits in the minor (if applicable)	SUBTOTAL	
___ GPA IN MAJOR = 2.0 or higher		SUBTRACT CREDITS EARNED FOR MAT 100, and if applicable COM 100	
___ SENIOR CAPSTONE met with POS 425		TOTAL GRADUATION CREDITS	
___ WRITING ENHANCED COURSE- POS 424			

Academic Policy on Eligibility for Participation of May Commencement Ceremony

The academic policy, which the Registrar follows, is: A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony.

Application Deadlines:

August Graduation - December 1; December Graduation - March 1; May Graduation - October 1.

Any questions, please call the Registrar's Office.