

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PO)

Political Science prepares students for careers in law, teaching, and public administration. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires a minor in another field. The Bachelor of Science degree does not require a minor. Scholarships are available to qualified students majoring in Political Science.

Bachelor of Arts - Political Science Major

MAJOR CODE: 45.1001A

Program components for the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science include:

1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To graduate, each student must:

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for a major(s).
- complete all course requirements for a minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Area I. Written Composition	6 semester hours	___	___
Area II. Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)			
At least one fine arts course	3 semester hours	___	
At least one literature course	3 semester hours	___	
Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses	6 semester hours	___	___
Area III. Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)			
Finite Math or its equivalent required	3 semester hours	___	
Natural Sciences (lab based) required	8 semester hours	___	___
Area IV. History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)			
At least one history course	3 semester hours	___	
Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses	9 semester hours	___	___
<u>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</u>	41 SEMESTER HOURS		

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**
- Western Civilization or World History 3 semester hours ___
- American National Government or
 PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours ___
- State and Local Government or
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government or
 Foreign National Government 3 semester hours ___
- CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or
 CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers 3 semester hours ___
- General Electives 11 semester hours ___ ___ ___
- TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 23 SEMESTER HOURS**
- TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. & MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 60-64 SEMESTER HOURS**
4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**
- PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government 3 semester hours ___
- PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours ___
- PO 307 American Constitutional Law or PO 364 Civil Liberties 3 semester hours ___
- PO 308 America and the World 3 semester hours ___
- PO 342 Methods of Behavioral Science Research 3 semester hours ___
- PO 351 American Public Policy 3 semester hours ___
- PO 377 Public Administration 3 semester hours ___
- PO 453 International Relations 3 semester hours ___
- PO 465 Senior Research Project 4 semester hours ___
- Electives in Political Science 9 semester hours ___ ___
- TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: 37 SEMESTER HOURS**
5. A minimum of 27 semester hours of upper division JS/PO/PSHA coursework should be completed at Athens State University.
6. A Faculty Advisor approved minor **is** required. 18 Semester Hours
7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES 9 Semester Hours** ___ ___
8. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION 128 SEMESTER HOURS**

Bachelor of Science - Political Science Major
MAJOR CODE: 45.1001B

Program components for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Political Science include:

1. **APPLICABLE GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To graduate, each student must:

- complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of the last 39 semester hours at ASU.
- complete 60 to 64 semester hours of upper level college/university credit (300-400 level courses).
- complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper (300/400) level coursework in his or her major at Athens State University, not including courses taken by consortium arrangement. School or departmental regulations may require more than 15 semester hours of coursework in the major at Athens State University.
- complete all course requirements for a major(s).
- complete all course requirements for a minor (if applicable).
- complete all of the general education requirements for the degree.
- attain an overall grade point average of 2.0, a 2.0 on all coursework attempted at Athens State University and at least a 2.0 in the major field. School or departmental regulations may require more than a 2.0 grade point average (see major requirements in each discipline).
- complete the total hour requirement as specified by the degree.
- complete the teacher certification requirements (if applicable).

EACH STUDENT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE THAT IS BEING PURSUED.

2. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Area I. Written Composition	6 semester hours	__ __
Area II. Humanities/Fine Arts (12 semester hours)		
At least one fine arts course	3 semester hours	__
At least one literature course	3 semester hours	__
Other Humanities/Fine Arts courses	6 semester hours	__ __
Area III. Mathematics and Natural Sciences (11 semester hours)		
Finite Math or its equivalent required	3 semester hours	__
Natural Sciences (lab based) required	8 semester hours	__ __
Area IV. History/Behavioral and Social Sciences (12 semester hours)		
At least one history course	3 semester hours	__
Other History/Behavioral or Social Science courses	9 semester hours	__ __ __
<u>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</u>		<u>41 SEMESTER HOURS</u>

3. **MAJOR PREREQUISITE COURSES (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**
 Western Civilization or World History 3 semester hours ___
 American National Government or
 PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours
 State and Local Government or
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government or
 Foreign National Government 3 semester hours ___
 CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications or
 CIS 301 Problem Solving with Computers 3 semester hours ___
 General Electives 11 semester hours ___ ___ ___ ___

TOTAL MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 23 SEMESTER HOURS

TOTAL GEN. ED. REQ. & MAJOR PREREQUISITE HOURS: 64 SEMESTER HOURS

4. **PROFESSIONAL COURSES:**
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government 3 semester hours ___
 PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours ___
 PO 307 American Constitutional Law or PO 364 Civil Liberties 3 semester hours ___
 PO 308 America and the World 3 semester hours ___
 PO 342 Methods of Behavioral Science Research 3 semester hours ___
 PO 351 American Public Policy 3 semester hours ___
 PO 377 Public Administration 3 semester hours ___
 PO 453 International Relations 3 semester hours ___
 PO 465 Senior Research Project 4 semester hours ___
 Electives in Political Science 9 semester hours ___ ___ ___

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL HOURS: 37 SEMESTER HOURS

5. A minimum of 27 semester hours of upper division JS/PO/PSHA coursework should be completed at Athens State University.

6. A minor is **not** required.

7. **GENERAL ELECTIVES 27 semester hours** ___ ___ ___ ___
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8. **TOTAL HOURS FOR GRADUATION 128 SEMESTER HOURS**

Political Science Minor

The student seeking a minor in political science should complete eighteen semester hours in political science coursework to include:

- American National Government or
 PO 304 Problems of American Government 3 semester hours
 PO 303 Comparative State and Local Government or
 PO 305 Alabama Government 3 semester hours
 PO 308 America and the World or
 PO 453 International Relations 3 semester hours
 Political Science Electives 9 semester hours
TOTAL HOURS IN MINOR 18 semester hours