Student_____   Date of Admission_____

Advisor_____

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING STARTING FALL 2018

General Education Goal	Minimum GEPs Required	Minimum Disciplines Required[1]	Course, Department Prefix and Number[2]	Fulfilled
Communication Communicate effectively in writing, oral presentation, and visual argument.	**7**	**3**		☐
Information Literacy Find, evaluate, and ethically use information using appropriate technology.	**2**	**1**		☐
Analytical & Quantitative Skills Apply critical analysis, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving skills.	**5**	**2**		☐
Cultures & Diversity Apply knowledge from the humanities and other disciplines to analyze: the implications of diversity among human groups, their histories, cultures, and the plurality of human experiences.	**5**	**2**		☐
Natural Sciences Demonstrate knowledge of natural sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	**5**	**2**		☐
Social Sciences Demonstrate knowledge of social sciences principles, concepts, and methods.	**5**	**2**		☐
Arts & Humanities Apply knowledge from the arts and humanities to analyze, evaluate, or participate in the artistic and literary traditions of our diverse world.	**5**	**2**		☐
Second Language Demonstrate basic communication skills in a second language.	**2**	**1**	Note: Students may also earn the required GEPs as a result of their score on an appropriate foreign language placement test.	☐
Healthy Living Participate in physical activity and evaluate the consequences of health decisions.	**2**	**1**		☐
Citizenship Exhibit responsible citizenship.	**2**	**1**		☐
Total GEPs Earned **Minimum 40 distributed correctly between disciplines and goals:**				
No more than one Political Science course may be used to fulfill any one of the ten general education goals.				

[1] Disciplines Represented: To satisfy those General Education Goals requiring courses from more than one discipline, students must take courses with two or three different departmental prefixes. For example, ART and ARTHSTRY represent two different disciplines, although they are housed in the same department.

[2] If a course gets general education approval after the student has been admitted and taken the course, then s/he should Petition for Exceptions to Undergraduate Graduation Requirements to substitute old for the newly approved GEP version of the course. This is policy PRP 3604.

Requirements for Political Science Major (39 credits)

A. Core Courses (12 credits). Complete all 4 courses with a C or better grade. No prerequisites.

Course	Semester	Grade	Course	Semester	Grade
108 Contemporary Political Ideologies			120 U.S. Government		
260 Intro to Comparative Politics			280 Intro to International Relations		

B. Methods (3 credits). Complete POLISCI 300 with a C or better grade.
Prerequisites:
- Complete foundational math course (MATH 141 strongly recommended).
- Core courses must be either completed or taken concurrently with POLISCI 300; or by permission of the Chair.

Course	Semester	Grade
300 Political Science Research		

Prerequisite Guide. Complete advanced courses under C. Electives and D. Concentration using this guide.

Prerequisite(s)	Advanced Courses
POLISCI 108	375, 377, 405, 409, 492[1]
POLISCI 120	307, 325, 326, 336, 422, 437, 438, 429, 440, 446, 447, 448, 452, 456, 492[1]
POLISCI 260/280	310, 322, 340, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 376, 458, 462, 466, 487, 492[1]

C. Concentration (9 credits). Complete 3 courses in one of the 5 concentration areas.
Prerequisites:
- Must complete core course in related subfields (see Prerequisite Guide above).
- POLISCI 300 must be either completed before or taken concurrently with any advanced course.
- In lieu of these prerequisites, a student may gain permission from the instructor.

Concentration	Course Options	Course 1	Sem	Grade	Course 2	Sem	Grade	Course 3	Sem	Grade
1. American Gov & Politics	303, 325, 326, 409, 422, 429, 440, 452, 456, 492[1]									
2. International Studies	310, 322, 340, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 376, 458, 462, 466, 487, 492[1]									
3. Public Administration	307, 336, 437, 438, 456,492[1]									
4. Legal Studies	446, 447, 448, 487, 492[1]									
5. Open[2]										

D. Electives (12 credits). Complete any 4 advanced courses (300/400 level) not part of the Concentration.
Prerequisites:
- Must complete core course(s) in related subfield (see Prerequisite Guide above).
- POLISCI 300 must be either completed before or taken concurrently with any advanced course.
- In lieu of these prerequisites, a student may gain permission from the instructor.

Course	Prereq	Semester	Grade	Course	Prereq	Semester	Grade
1.				3.			
2.				4.			

E. Capstone (3 credits). Complete 1 course listed below. Students may complete both options.
Prerequisites:
- Completion of all core courses, POLISCI 300, and a minimum of 5 out of 7 courses in the advanced/concentration tracks. The latter requirement may be waived by permission of the chair.
- Internship: minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA or at the discretion of the chair; gain permission from academic advisor and campus Director of Academic Internships; complete at least 60 credit hours, or by permission of the department chair.

Course	Semester	Grade
Thesis: 480 Capstone		
Internship: 497 Internship[3]		

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[1] POLISCI 492 (Seminar) may count in one or more areas of the curriculum depending on the topic. Check with the Department for specific information.

[2] Students have the option of designing their own concentration. To do so, they must first gain the approval of their academic advisor and use their idea as a guide for determining which core course should serve as a prerequisite.

[3] Some internships such as The Washington Center (TWC) and The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) have separate course designations.

Requirements for Political Science Minor (18 credits)

A. Core Courses (9 credits). Complete all 3 core courses. No prerequisites.

Course	Semester	Grade
120 U.S. Government		
260 Intro to Comparative Politics		
280 Intro International Relations		

B. Electives (9 credits). Complete any 3 courses from the list below (at least 2 courses must be at the 300/400 level).

Prerequisites:
- For 300/400 level courses, students must first complete core course(s) in related subfield (see Prerequisite Guide below).
- In lieu of these prerequisites, a student may gain permission from the instructor.

Prerequisite Guide

Prerequisite(s)	Advanced Courses
POLISCI 108	375, 377, 405, 409, 492[1]
POLISCI 120	303, 307, 325, 326, 336, 422, 437, 438, 429, 440, 446, 447, 448, 452, 456, 492[1]
POLISCI 260/280	310, 322, 340, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 376, 458, 462, 466, 487, 492[1]

Elective Course Options	Course	Semester	Grade
101, 108, 121, 181, 300, 303, 307, 310, 322, 325, 326, 336, 345, 350, 366, 368, 371, 373, 375, 376, 377, 405, 409, 415, 422, 429, 437, 438, 440, 445, 446, 447, 448, 452, 453, 456, 457, 458, 462, 466, 480, 487, 490, 492, 497	1.		
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Undergraduate Graduation Checklist (see PRP 3604)

Earned an average of 2.0 or higher in all courses required in Political Science.

Earned an average of 2.0 or higher overall.

Completed the requirements for a degree in Political Science.

Completed the general education requirements.

Earned a minimum of 120 credits (Developmental Courses with course numbers lower than 100 do not count towards graduation).

At least 60 semester hours of credit toward graduation must be taken at an accredited four-year degree-granting institution.

At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward a bachelor degree must be earned at Bloomsburg University.

At least 50% of courses in the major discipline must be earned at Bloomsburg University.

Completed an application for graduation.

If applicable, completed forms to declare minors and second majors.

Advisor Meeting Verification Signatures:

All Political Science majors are highly encouraged to meet with their advisor at least once per semester to make sure they are on track to complete all graduation requirements. _It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to make sure all requirements for graduation are completed_.

Students are responsible for completing the graduation application and submitting it with this form to the department office for graduation by **October 1st for December Commencement and by February 1st for Spring Commencement.**

Sem.	Year	Meeting Date	Student Signature	Advisor Signature