BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)

Degree Requirements

Hours Required

A minimum of 120 semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation" section of this catalog.

Requirements

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* When the topic is related to sub-field; course may be repeated when content changes.

Four-Year Degree Plan

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the Program of Study Requirements; responsible for meeting all course prerequisites; and must meet foreign language and writing intensive course requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online.
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Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.

Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.