Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Public Policy Focus 2012-2013

Prerequisite Courses:

PSC 1001/001
PSC 1002/002
PSC 1003/103 or IAFF 1005/005
PSC 1011-1012/011-012 = PSC 1001, 1002, 1003 and Group E

Related Courses:
Six courses in the Social Sciences other than PSC, including History (all), Honors 2043-2044/43-44,* IAFF (all), Naval Science 2126/126, 2160/160, 2180/180, PSTD (all), and WSTU (all). The six courses must include at least two courses in either Economics or History.  *Honors 2043-2044/043-044 = ECON 1011-1012/011-012

Required Courses: Ten upper-level courses distributed as follows:

At least one from each of Groups A – E

Group A Comparative Politics (PSC 2330, 2331, 2332, 2334, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2366, 2367, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2377, 2379, 2381, 2383, 2993) (Old numbers = 1xx, e.g. 2330 = 130)

Group B American Politics (PSC 2211-2220, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2228, 2229, 2992) (Old numbers = 1xx, e.g. 2211 = 111)

Group C Int’l Politics, Law, and Organizations (PSC 2439, 2440, 2442, 2444, 2446, 2449, 2461, 2468, 2476, 2478, 2482, 2484, 2994) (Old numbers = 1xx, e.g. 2439 = 139)

Group D (PSC 2101)

Group E Political Thought (PSC 2105-2108, 2110, 2991) (Old numbers = 1xx, e.g. 2105 = 105)

Proseminar PSC 3192/192 (may be taken a second time as an upper-level elective)

Three Public Policy Courses** (PSC 2212, 2217, 2222, 2224***, 2446 (Old numbers 112, 117, 122, 124, 146)

** (may be counted for Groups B, C, as appropriate, or this requirement) ***course may be repeated, assuming different topics

PSC upper-level elective

PSC 2990, may be used to satisfy a group distribution requirement, depending upon the topic

PSC Dean’s Seminars = upper-level electives
SOC 5785/785 (American Criminal Justice System) counts as an upper-level elective
Up to 3 credits of PSC 2987/187 (Internships) may be used as upper-level electives
PAD 2117/117 or 125 = PSC 2217/117 (Group B)
PSYC 2101/101, SOC 2101/101, or SMPA 2151/051 may be used to fulfill the PSC 2101/101 requirement, but students doing so will have to take an additional upper-level PSC course to fulfill the 30 credits of upper-level PSC required.

CCAS major checklists are intended for planning purposes only. As the requirements for majors sometimes change; please verify your major requirements with an advisor in the relevant department.

These checklists are valid for students who declared during the 12-13 academic year. If you declared your major during a different year, please consult that year’s University Bulletin to confirm your major requirements.
How to Declare a Major in Political Science

- Students interested in a Political Science major should meet with Prof. Susan Wiley during her office hours (posted here: http://www.gwu.edu/~psc/people/faculty_associated.htm).
- Students do not need to bring a declaration of major form, since Prof. Wiley has pre-filled forms available in her office. During the visit, she will review the course requirements on the form with students and will sign the completed form.