

Political Science and International Relations (BA/BS)

Semester 1

- TRU 120: First Year Seminar (3 cr)
- POL 161: American National Government **(*)** (3 cr)
- ENG 190: Writing as Critical Thinking (3 cr)
- Elementary Foreign Language I (3 cr)
- Math 156: College Algebra (3 cr), **OR** Math 186 Precalculus **(****)** (4 cr)

Semester 3

- POL 250: Intro to International Relations (3 cr)
- STAT 190: Basic Statistics (3 cr)
- MS 101: Intro of Military Science II (*if also taken in Spring*) (1 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course: STEM Lab Science (4 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3-6 cr)

Semester 5

- POL 310: WE/Comparative Politics: Theory and Research (4 cr)
- Minor/Required Support (3 cr)
- JINS 3XX: WE/_____ (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3-6 cr)

Semester 7

- POL 410: WE/Advanced Public Policy: Theory and Research (4 cr)
- POL XXX: Political Science Elective (3 cr)
- Minor/Required Support (3 cr)
- Free Elective (3-6 cr)

Free Electives to 120 Hours

Semester 2

- POL 171: Intro to Political Science **(**)** (3 cr)
- COMM 170: Public Speaking (3 cr)
- Elementary Foreign Language II (3 cr)
- Math 157: Plane Trigonometry **(****)** (2 cr)
- Free Elective (3 cr)

Semester 4

- POL 300: WE/Political Science Methodology (4 cr)
- BA/BS Requirement (3 cr)
- Free Elective (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)
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Semester 6

- POL 398: WE/Advanced Survey of Political Thought (4 cr)
- POL 344: WE/Principles of Public Administration **(***)** (4cr), **OR** POL XXX: Political Science Elective (3 cr)
- Minor/Required Support (3 cr)
- Minor/Required Support (3 cr)
- Free Elective (3 cr)

Semester 8

- POL 460: WE/Senior Seminar in Political Science and International Relations (4 cr)
- POL XXX: Political Science Elective (3 cr)
- Minor/Required Support (3 cr)
- Free Elective (3-6 cr)

Free Electives to 120 Hours

NOTES:

- **(*)** = Fulfills the Missouri Statute Requirement and a Social Perspective Course.
- **(**)** = Satisfies the Intercultural Requirement.
- **(***)** = Required of B.S. students. The course may be taken as an elective by B.A. students.
- **(****)** = Students must take MATH 156 (3cr) and MATH 157 (2cr), OR take MATH 186 (4cr) to fulfill both courses.
- A total of 120 hours are required for graduation; 40 of these must be 300 level or above courses.
- A 2.0 cumulative GPA and a 2.0 major GPA are necessary to graduate with a Political Science and International Relations major.
- WE = Writing Enhanced course
- If you have not completed the Civics Exam, we recommend doing so in your **first year**.
- Truman students are required to complete a [Portfolio](#) to graduate. We recommend starting to compile your work for the Portfolio sooner than later.
- Students must complete their Application to Graduate **the semester prior to graduating**.

Apply to graduate through TruView.

- Graduating seniors need to complete their seniors test and questionnaire. We recommend reviewing the [Assessment & Testing page](#) to plan accordingly.
- **The Dialogues curriculum** requires a certain number of courses/credit hours in the following Perspectives: Social, Arts and Humanities, STEM, Communications, and Statistics. The exact number of courses a student will be required to take during their undergraduate career varies individually according to the credit transferred in.

Department Chair: Please contact the [Center for Academic Excellence](#) with any updates to the plan above. Rev. 8-6-24