

# Roadmap: Political Science - American Politics - Bachelor of Arts

[AS-BA-POL-APOL]
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science Catalog Year: 2009-2010

Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Min. Grade	Important Notes	
Semester One: [14-17 Credit Hours]					
ENG 11011 College Writing I	3			Enrollment based on placement tests; fulfills LER Composition	
POL 10100 American Politics	3			Fulfills domestic diversity course requirement; see note 1 on page 2	
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1			Not required for transfer students with 25 credits	
Foreign Language (Elementary I)	4-5				
LER Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3-5			Enrollment based on placement tests	
Semester Two: [16-17 Credit Hours]					
POL 10004 Comparative Politics	3			Fulfills global diversity course requirement; see note 1 on page 2	
Foreign Language (Elementary II)	4-5				
LER Basic Sciences	3				
LER Humanities or Fine Arts	3			Visit <u>www.kent.edu/catalog</u> and search "LER" for course lists	
LER Social Sciences	3			LETY TO COURSE HSts	
Semester Three: [15-16 Credit Hours]					
ENG 21011 College Writing II	3			Fulfills LER Composition	
POL 10300 Public Policy	3				
POL 10500 World Politics	3				
Foreign Language (Intermediate I)	3				
LER Basic Sciences	2-3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search	
LER Basic Sciences Laboratory	1			"LER" and for course list	
Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]					
POL 30001 Political Methods	3				
POL 30002 Political Thought	3				
Foreign Language (Intermediate II)	3				
LER Fine Arts	3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search	
LER Social Sciences	3			"LER" and for course list	
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
POL 30003 Political Economy	3	•			
LER Basic Sciences	3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search	
LER Humanities	3			"LER" and for course list	
Concentration Electives	3			See note 2 on page 2	
General Elective (lower or upper division)	3				
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
LER Additional	3			Visit www.kent.edu/catalog and search	
LER Social Sciences	3			"LER" for course lists	
Concentration Electives	6			See note 2 on page 2	
General Elective (upper division)	3				
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
POL 40191 Seminar in American Politics	3		С	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement	
Concentration Elective	3			See note 2 on page 2	
General Electives (upper division)	9			See note 3 on page 2	



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Semester Eight: [11-16 Credit Hours]				
LER Additional	3			Visit <u>www.kent.edu/catalog</u> and search "LER" for course list
General Electives (upper division)	8-13	•		See note 3 below; number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours

**Graduation Requirements Summary** 

Total Hours Upp	Upper-Division Liberal Education		Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Minimum	
Total Hours	Hours	Requirements Hours	Global / Domestic	writing-intensive	Major GPA	Overall GPA
121	42	57	POL 10004 or LER / POL 10100 or LER	POL 40191	2.0	2.0

Note 1: To fulfill the diversity requirement (see description below), students must take one diversity course that is a non POL course.

Note 2: Concentration electives (12 credit hours), choose from the following:

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POL 30100 American Political Theory	3	POL 40118 Political Parties and Interest Groups	3
POL 30110 The Congress	3	POL 40182 Constitutional Law: Government Powers	3
POL 30120 Presidency and Executive Bureaucracy	3	POL 40183 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and	
POL 30130 Courts	3	Liberties	3
POL 30430 State Government	3	POL 40440 U.S. Environmental Politics and Policies	
POL 30450 Metropolitan Governance	3	POL 40450 Social Welfare Policy and the Politics of Poverty	
POL 30460 Federalism and Intergovernmental	3		
Relations	3	POL 40470 Women, Politics and Policy	3
POL 40112 Politics and the Mass Media	3	POL 40920 Politics of Social Movements	3
POL 40116 Public Opinion and Political Behavior	3		

Note 3: The following courses may not be applied toward the upper-division electives:

POL 40992 Public Service (3)

POL 40996 Individual Investigation (3)

The following courses may be applied toward the upper-division electives:

POL 30991 Seminar: Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues (6-12)

POL 40991 Washington Program in National Issues (15)

POL 40995 Special Topics in Political Science (1-3) as approved by the department

#### Liberal Education Requirements (LER)

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of Liberal Education Requirements. Colleges or degree programs may specify certain courses to fulfill the requirements. Courses in the students' major field will not count toward the completion of any LER. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the LER. None of the courses on the LER list may be taken with a pass/fail grade.

### **Diversity Course Requirement**

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic focus and one with a global focus. One course must be come from the LER and cannot be in the student's major. The second course may be taken as a second LER; or within a major or minor; or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country.

## Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade.

#### **Upper-Division Requirement**

In general, baccalaureate programs require the successful completion of at least 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.