



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [14-17 Credit Hours]					
POL 10100 American Politics or POL 10300 Public Policy	3			■	POL 10100 fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences and domestic diversity course requirement
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Foreign Language (Elementary I)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	0-3				3 credits of Kent Core must be taken if POL 10300 is chosen
Semester Two: [16-17 Credit Hours]					
POL 10004 Comparative Politics or POL 10500 World Politics	3			■	Fulfills Kent Core Additional if POL 10100 was taken; and global diversity course requirement
Foreign Language (Elementary II)	4-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three: [15-17 Credit Hours]					
POL 20001 Political Methods	3			■	Fulfills experiential learning requirement
POL 20002 Political Thought or POL 20003 Political Economy	3			■	
Foreign Language Requirement	3-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four: [15-17 Credit Hours]					
Concentration Electives	6	■			See note 1 on page 2
Foreign Language Requirement	3-5				Fulfills College General Requirements; see foreign language note on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
Concentration Electives	6	■		■	See note 2 on page 2
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences; see note 3 on page 2
College General Requirement	3				Must be from Kent Core Social Sciences; see note 4 on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
Concentration Electives	3	■		■	See note 1 on page 2
Political Science Elective (upper division)	3	■		■	
General Elective	9				See note 2 on page 2
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]					
Political Science Elective	3			■	
General Electives (upper division)	12	■			See note 2 on page 2



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Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]					
POL 40591 Seminar in International Relations–Comparative Politics	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement
General Electives (9 credit hours must be upper division)	10-13	■			See note 2 on page 2; number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 121 credit hours and 42 upper-division credit hours

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	36	POL 10004 or 10500/POL 10100	POL 40591	POL 20001	2.000	2.000

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences category and minimum one course from fine arts category</i>		9
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	3 credits are fulfilled in this major with POL 10100 or POL 10004 or POL 10500	3
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
Additional (6 credit hours)	3 credits are fulfilled in this major with POL 10004 or POL 10500 if the students takes POL 10100 as a Kent Core Social Science	3

Note 1: Concentration electives (15 credit hours), choose from the following:

POL 30500 International Relations Theory	3	POL 30820 International Organization and Law	3
POL 30520 European Politics	3	POL 30840 Nongovernmental Organizations	3
POL 30530 Asian Politics	3	POL 40530 Politics of War	3
POL 30540 African Politics	3	POL 40540 Politics of Development	3
POL 30550 Latin American Politics	3	POL 40560 Human Rights and Social Justice	3
POL 30551 U.S.–Latin American Relations	3	POL 40620 Politics of Social Movements	3
POL 30560 Middle East Politics	3	POL 40840 Comparative Foreign Policy	3
POL 30810 Politics of the Global Economy	3	POL 40930 U.S. Foreign Policy	3

Note 2: 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

Note 3: One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). Students may take the courses listed in the "introductory" sequences with the restrictions noted above in the Kent Core Basic Science section. The course may not be from the student's major.

Note 4: One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Applied Conflict Management (CACM), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (JUS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

Note: All courses taken from the list of major program requirements are used in the calculation of the major GPA.

Foreign Language Note: Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

- a. Intermediate I and II of the same language
- b. Elementary I and II of a second language
- c. Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - MCLS 10001 Introduction to Structural Concepts for Language Students
 - MCLS 20000 Global Literacy and Cultural Awareness
 - MCLS 20091 Seminar: Global Literacy Case Studies

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin their university foreign language experience beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by: (1) passing a course beyond the Elementary I through Intermediate II level or (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Advanced Placement (AP) exam or credit through the International Baccalaureate (IB) program; or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete the remaining hours with general electives.

Kent Core

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core for course list.

Diversity Course Requirement

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.000) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr for course list.

Upper-Division Requirement

Students must complete a minimum 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.

Foreign Language

Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/foreign-languages for course list.

