

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

| Critical | Course Subject and Title | Credit Hours | Min. Grade | Major GPA | Attribute | Notes |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Semester One [14-15 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | POL 10100 American Politics ¹ or POL 10300 Public Policy | 3 | | ■ | DD/KSS | |
| | US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ² | 1 | | | | |
| | Foreign Language ³ | 4 - 5 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
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| Semester Two [16-17 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | POL 10004 Comparative Politics or POL 10500 World Politics | 3 | | ■ | DG/KSS | |
| | Foreign Language ³ | 4 - 5 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
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| Semester Three [15-17 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | POL 20001 Political Methods | 3 | | ■ | ELR | |
| | POL 20002 Political Thought or POL 20003 Political Economy | 3 | | ■ | | |
| | Foreign Language ³ | 3 - 5 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
| Semester Four [15-17 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | Political Science 3/4xxxx Concentration electives ⁴ | 6 | | ■ | | |
| | Foreign Language ³ | 3 - 5 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
| Semester Five [15 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | Political Science electives (3 credits must be upper-division) | 6 | | ■ | | |
| | College General Requirement ⁵ | 3 | | | | |
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| | Kent Core Requirement | 3 | | | | |
| Semester Six [15 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | Political Science 3/4xxxx Concentration electives ⁴ | 6 | | ■ | | |
| | General Electives ⁶ | 6 | | | | |
| | Kent Core Requirement ¹ or General Electives | 3 | | | | |
| Semester Seven [15 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | Political Science 3/4xxxx Concentration electives ⁴ | 3 | | ■ | | |
| | General Electives ⁶ | 12 | | | | |
| Semester Eight [15 Credits] | | | | | | |
| | POL Seminar Elective ⁷ | 3 | C ⁷ | ■ | WIC | |
| | General Electives ⁶ | 12 | | | | |

Graduation Requirements Summary

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Upper-Division Hours 30000 – 40000 level course | Minimum Kent Core Hours | Minimum | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | Major GPA | Overall GPA |
| 120 | 42 | 36 | 2.000 | 2.000 |

1. If POL 10100 is chosen, students may take general electives in Semester 6. If POL 10100 is not chosen, students must take a Kent Core course.

2. US 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits (excluding College Credit Plus and dual-enrollment) or students age 21+ at time of admission.

3. Fulfills College General Requirement

4. The following courses **may** be applied toward upper-division electives as approved by department:

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| POL 30991 Seminar: Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues (6-12) | POL 40995 Special Topics in Political Science (1-3) |
| POL 40991 Washington Program in National Issues (15) | |

5. • 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.
- 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 (CRIM), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.
6. 21 upper-division credit hours required. Credits required depend on meeting minimum 120 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours.
7. Political Science Seminar Elective (3 credits) – One course must be earned with a minimum C (2.000) grade to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

Choose from the following:

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| POL 40191 Seminar in American Politics (3) (WIC) | POL 40391 Seminar in Public Policy (3) (WIC) |
| POL 40591 Seminar in International Relations-Comparative Politics (3) (WIC) | |

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:
- D. Intermediate I of the same language
 - a. MCLS 10001 Introduction to Structural Concepts for Language Students
 - b. MCLS 20000 Global Literacy and Cultural Awareness
 - c. 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 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 remaining hours with general electives.

Attribute Legend: **DD** Diversity–Domestic; **DG** Diversity–Global; **ELR** Experiential Learning; **KAD** Kent Core Additional; **KBS** Kent Core Basic Sciences; **KCM** Kent Core Composition; **KFA** Kent Core Fine Arts; **KHU** Kent Core Humanities; **KMC** Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; **KSS** Kent Core Social Sciences; **WIC** Writing Intensive

Please read the sections in the University Catalog on [Kent Core](#), [diversity](#), [writing-intensive](#) and the [experiential learning requirements](#).