

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	
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ²	1				
	Foreign Language ³	4 - 5				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
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				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three [15-17 Credits]						
	POL 30002 Political Thought or POL 30003 Political Economy	3		■		
	Foreign Language ³	3 - 5				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four [15-17 Credits]						
	Foreign Language ³	3 - 5		■		
	American Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6		■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Five [15 Credits]						
	POL 30001 Research Methods	3		■	ELR	
	College General Requirements ⁵	3				
	College General Requirements ⁵	3				
	American Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6		■		
Semester Six [15 Credits]						
	American Politics Concentration electives ⁴	3		■		
	Political Science electives ⁶	3		■		
	General Electives ⁷	6				
	Kent Core Requirement ¹ or General Electives	3				
Semester Seven [15 Credits]						
	Political Science electives (must be upper-division) ⁶	3		■		
	General Electives ⁷	12				
Semester Eight [15 Credits]						
	POL 40191 Seminar in American Politics	3	C ⁸	■	WIC	
	General Electives ⁷	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. UC 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or students age 21+ at time of admission.
3. Fulfills College General Requirement.

4. American Politics Concentration electives (15 credits)

Choose from the following: Concentration elective	
POL 30000 May 4 1970 and Its Aftermath (3)	POL 30100 American Political Theory (3)
POL 30110 The Congress (3)	POL 30120 Presidency and Executive Bureaucracy (3)
POL 30130 The Judicial System (3)	POL 30430 Ohio Politics (3)
POL 30450 Urban Politics and Policy (3)	POL 30460 State Politics and Policy (3)
POL 40112 Politics and the Mass Media (3)	POL 40116 Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)
POL 40118 Political Parties and Interest Groups (3)	POL 40182 Constitutional Law: Governmental Structures and Functions (3)
POL 40183 Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties (3) (DD)	POL 40410 Regulatory Policy (3)
POL 40440 U.S. Environmental Politics and Policies (3)	POL 40450 Health Care and Social Policy (3)
POL 40470 Women, Politics and Policy (3) (DD)	POL 40620 Politics of Social Movements (3) (DD)
POL 40930 U.S. Foreign Policy (3)	

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

POL 40980 Columbus Program in State Issues (15)	POL 40995 Special Topics in Political Science (1-3)
POL 40981 Washington Program in National Issues (15)	POL 40992 Internship (1-3)
POL 40996 Independent Study (1-3)	

7. Number of general elective credit hours required depends on meeting minimum 120 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division hours.

8. A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned in POL 40191 to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

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:
 - i. Intermediate I of the same language
 - ii. MCLS 10001 Introduction to Structural Concepts for Language Students
 - iii. MCLS 20000 Global Literacy and Cultural Awareness
 - iv. MCLS 20091 Seminar: Global Literacy Case Studies
 - v. MCLS 21417 Multiculturalism in Today's Germany
 - vi. MCLS 22217 Diversity in Today's Russia
 - vii. MCLS 23217 The Francophone Experience
 - viii. MCLS 28404 The Latin American Experience
 - ix. MCLS 28405 The Spanish Experience

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.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Kent Core (general education requirements), diversity, writing-intensive and experiential learning requirements. For more information about these requirements, please read the following sections in the University Catalog: Kent Core – www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core; Diversity Course Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity; Writing-Intensive Course Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/wic; Experiential Learning Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/elr.

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