

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 ²	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]						
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6		■		
	Foreign Language ³	3 - 5				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Five [15 Credits]						
	POL 30001 Research Methods	3		■	ELR	
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6		■		
	College General Requirements ⁵	3				
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Semester Six [15 Credits]						
	International Relations/Comparative 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 40591 Seminar in International Relations-Comparative 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. International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration elective (15 credits)

Choose from the following: Concentration elective	
POL 30500 International Relations Theory (3)	POL 30520 European Politics (3) (DG)
POL 30530 Asian Politics (3) (DG)	POL 30540 African Politics (3) (DG)
POL 30550 Latin American Politics (3) (DG)	POL 30560 Middle East Politics (3) (DG)
POL 30810 Politics of the Global Economy (3)	POL 30820 International Organization and Law (3)
POL 30840 Nongovernmental Organizations (3)	POL 40530 Politics of War (3)
POL 40540 Politics of Development (3) (DG)	POL 40560 Human Rights and Social Justice (3) (DG)
POL 40620 Politics of Social Movements (3) (DD)	POL 40840 Comparative Foreign Policy (3)
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 40591 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