



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 Division	Min. Grade	Important Notes
Semester One: [14-15 Credit Hours]				
POL 10100 American Politics	3			Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences and domestic diversity course requirement
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1			Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Foreign Language (Elementary I)	4-5			
Kent Core Requirement	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Two: [16-17 Credit Hours]				
POL 10004 Comparative Politics	3			Fulfills Kent Core Additional and global diversity course requirement
Foreign Language (Elementary II)	4-5			
Kent Core Requirement	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Three: [15-17 Credit Hours]				
POL 10300 Public Policy	3			
POL 10500 World Politics	3			Fulfills global diversity course requirement
Foreign Language (Intermediate I)	3-5			
Kent Core Requirement	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Four: [15-17 Credit Hours]				
POL 30001 Political Methods	3	■		
POL 30002 Political Thought	3	■		
Foreign Language (Intermediate II)	3-5			
Kent Core Requirement	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]				
POL 30003 Political Economy	3	■		
Kent Core Requirement	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Concentration Electives	3	■		See note 1 on page 2
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]				
Concentration Electives	6	■		See note 1 on page 2
General Elective (lower or upper division)	9			
Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]				
POL 40191 Seminar in American Politics	3	■	C	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement
Concentration Elective	3	■		See note 1 on page 2
General Electives (upper division)	9	■		See note 2 on page 2
Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]				
General Electives (upper division)	16	■		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	Diversity Course Global / Domestic	Writing-Intensive	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
121	42	42*	POL 10004 or 10500 / POL 10100	POL 40191	2.0	2.0

* The above hours include an additional Kent Core course each in Basic Sciences and Social Sciences as required by the College of Arts and Sciences for its BA programs. In addition to the Kent Core, the college requires for all its BA programs a minimum 14 credit hours of a foreign language.



Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Additional (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	3 credits fulfilled in this major with POL 10004	3
Basic Sciences (9-10 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>	Includes additional course as required by the college for its BA programs	9-10
Composition (6-8 credit hours) <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test	6-8
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
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
Social Sciences (9 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	3 credits fulfilled in this major with POL 10100; includes additional course as required by the college for its BA programs	6

Note 1: Concentration electives (12 credit hours), choose from the following:

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 Liberties	3
POL 30130 Courts	3	POL 40440 U.S. Environmental Politics and Policies	3
POL 30430 State Government	3	POL 40450 Social Welfare Policy and the Politics of Poverty	3
POL 30450 Metropolitan Governance	3		
POL 30460 Federalism and Intergovernmental 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 2: 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

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 (2.00) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic 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.

