

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	Upper Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Type	Term Taken
Semester One [14-17 Credits]							
	POL 10100 American Politics <i>or</i> POL 10300 Public Policy	3			■	DD/KSS	
	US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ¹	1					
	Foreign Language ²	4 - 5					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement ³	0 - 3					
Semester Two [16-17 Credits]							
	POL 10004 Comparative Politics <i>or</i> POL 10500 World Politics	3			■	DG/KAD	
	Foreign Language ²	4 - 5					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Three [15-17 Credits]							
	POL 20001 Political Methods	3			■	ELR	
	POL 20002 Political Thought <i>or</i> POL 20003 Political Economy	3			■		
	Foreign Language ²	3 - 5					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Four [15-17 Credits]							
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6	■		■		
	Foreign Language ²	3 - 5					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Five [15 Credits]							
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration electives ⁴	6	■		■		
	College General Requirements ⁵	3					
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	Kent Core Requirement	3					
Semester Six [15 Credits]							
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Concentration electives ⁴	3	■		■		
	Political Science electives ⁶	3	■		■		
	General Elective ⁷	9					
Semester Seven [15 Credits]							
	Political Science electives (must be upper-division) ⁶	3			■		
	General Elective ⁷	12	■				
Semester Eight [12-15 Credits]							
	POL 40591 Seminar in International Relations-Comparative Politics ⁸	3	■	C	■	WIC	
	General Elective ⁷ (9 credit hours must be upper division)	9-12	■				

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
120	42	36	2.000	2.000

- US 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits or students age 21+ at time of admission.
- Fulfills College General 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:
 - Intermediate I and II of the same language
 - Elementary I and II of a second language
 - 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 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.

3. 3 credits of Kent Core must be taken if POL 10300 is chosen.
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)
POL 30530 Asian Politics (3)	POL 30540 African Politics (3)
POL 30550 Latin American Politics (3)	POL 30551 U.S.-Latin American Relations (3)
POL 30560 Middle East Politics (3)	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)
POL 40560 Human Rights and Social Justice (3)	POL 40620 Politics of Social Movements (3)
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 (JUS), 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 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)	

7. 21 upper-division credit hours. Credits required depends on meeting minimum 120 credit hours and minimum 42 upper-division credit hours.

8. A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned in POL 40591 to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

University Requirements Summary

Type	Categories	Course(s) Satisfying Category	Remaining Requirements
KCM	Kent Core I. Composition Enrollment based on placement test	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
KMC	Kent Core II. Mathematics and Critical Reasoning Enrollment based on placement test	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KHU	Kent Core III. Humanities Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences; may fulfill diversity requirement	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KFA	Kent Core IV. Fine Arts Minimum one course from the fine arts; may fulfill diversity requirement	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KFH	Kent Core V. Humanities or Fine Arts One additional course from either the humanities or fine arts category, may fulfill diversity requirement.	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	3
KSS	Kent Core VI. Social Sciences Must be selected from two curricular areas; may fulfill diversity requirement	POL 10004 or POL 10500	3
KBS	Kent Core VII. Basic Sciences Must include one laboratory	visit www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core	6
KAD	Kent Core VIII. Additional May fulfill diversity requirement	3 credits are fulfilled in this major with POL 10004 or POL 10500 if the student takes POL 10100 as a Kent Core Social Science	3
DD	Domestic Diversity Course Requirement Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core	May be fulfilled with POL 10100	one course
DG	Global Diversity Course Requirement Either domestic or global diversity must be from Kent Core	POL 10004 or POL 10500	fulfilled
ELR	Experiential Learning Requirement Either course or non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member	POL 20001	fulfilled
WIC	Writing-Intensive Course Requirement Minimum C (2.000) grade	POL 40591	fulfilled