CURRICULUM PLAN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 2021-2022

POLITICAL SCIENCE

MY ADVISOR'S NAME IS: _____

REQUIREMENTS

CORE CURRICULUM

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at marshall.edu/gened.

CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
FYS-100	First-Year Seminar	●	3	_____
PSC 105	Critical Thinking Course	●	3	_____
PSC 104	Critical Thinking Course	● ■ ♦	3	_____

Additional University Requirements

_____	Writing Intensive		3	_____
_____	Writing Intensive		3	_____
_____	Multicultural/International		3	_____
PSC 499	Capstone		3	_____

CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
ENG 101	Beginning Composition	●	3	_____
ENG 201	Advanced Composition	●	3	_____
CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	●	3	_____
STA 150	Foundations of Statistics	●	3	_____
STA 150L	Foundations of Statistics Lab	●	1	
_____	Core II Natural/Physical Science	●	4	_____
_____	Core II Humanities	●	3	_____
PSC 104	Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT)	● ♦	3	_____
_____	Core II Fine Arts	●	3	_____

COLLEGE-SPECIFIC

All liberal arts majors are required to complete the following College of Liberal Arts Requirements. These classes may not be counted towards Core II requirements.

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	Foreign Language 101	■	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 102	■	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 203	■	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 204	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Humanities	■	3	_____

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
PSC 105	COLA Social Science	■ ♦	3	_____
_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Natural/Physical Science	■	4	_____
PSC ___	COLA International	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Multicultural	■	3	_____

MAJOR-SPECIFIC

Students who wish to major in Political Science must take the following courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
PSC 104	Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT)	● ♦	3	_____
PSC 105	Fundamentals of Politics (CT)	■ ♦	3	_____
PSC 211	Scope & Method Political Science	♦	3	_____
PSC 499	Senior Seminar (WI)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
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CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	PSC Elective	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective	♦	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		2	_____

MAJOR INFORMATION

- The total number of free electives will depend on the amount of double and triple counting of requirements.
- See course attributes each semester for courses that meet multiple requirements.
- Questions about requirements should be directed to the College of Liberal Arts (304-696-2350). Core II and COLA requirements may not be double counted.
- Forty-eight credit hours (sixteen 3-hour courses) must be at the 300/400 level.
- Students must earn a C or better in ENG 201 and all foreign language courses.
- Minimum of 120 hours to graduate.

* Major Electives — 18 Hours(Select at least three courses in any one of the five Political Science subfields and at least one course in at least three of the remaining four fields)

American National, State, & Local Politics: 202, 307, 376, 381, 383, 423, 427, 436, 440, 442, 446, 460, 484

International & Comparative Politics: 207, 209, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 415, 416, 420, 422, 423, 424, 428, 429, 431, 442, 444

Constitutional Democracy: 417, 418, 421, 427, 429, 436, 444, 446, 460, 484

Political Theory: 418, 419, 421, 425, 426, 428, 429, 430, 446

Public Administration, Public Policy & Urban Politics: 233, 311, 333, 433, 450, 452, 453, 454, 461

● General Education Requirement ■ College Requirement ♦ Major Requirement ◆ Area of Emphasis

● **Milestone Course:** This is a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

FOUR YEAR PLAN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 2021-2022

POLITICAL SCIENCE

MY ADVISOR'S NAME IS: _____

The Political Science curriculum has two objectives: first, to provide a basic understanding of the functioning of government in preparation for democratic citi-zenshi,p and second, to give a specialized foundation to those planning to enter law school, government service (foreign service, public administration), teaching, research, politics, or business.

YEAR ONE

FALL SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	●	3	_____
ENG 101	Beginning Composition	●	3	_____
FYS 100	First Year Sem Crit Thinking	●	3	_____
PSC 104	Core II Soc Science: Am Natl Govt & Politics (CT)	● ♦	3	_____
_____	Core II Fine Arts	●	3	_____
UNI 100	Freshman First Class		1	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**16**	

Summer Term (optional):

SPRING SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
ENG 201	Advanced Composition	●	3	_____
_____	Core II Physical/Natural Science	●	4	_____
STA 150	Foundations of Statistics	●	3	_____
STA 150L	Foundations of Statistics Lab	●	1	_____
PSC 105	COLA Soc Science: Fund of Politics (CT)	■ ♦	3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**14**	

YEAR TWO

FALL SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
PSC 211	Scope & Method Political Science	♦	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 101	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■	3	_____
_____	Core II Humanities (WI)	●	3	_____
_____	COLA Physical/Natural Science	■	4	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**16**	

Summer Term (optional):

SPRING SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	Multicultural/International	●	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 102	■	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**15**	

YEAR THREE

FALL SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	COLA Multicultural	■	3	_____
_____	COLA International	■	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 203	■	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**15**	

Summer Term (optional):

SPRING SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	Foreign Language 204	■	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	COLA Social Science (not PSC)	■	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**15**	

YEAR FOUR

FALL SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective	♦	3	_____
PSC 499	Senior Seminar (WI)	♦	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	■	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		3	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**15**	

Summer Term (optional):

SPRING SEMESTER

CODE	COURSE NAME		HRS	GRADE
_____	PSC Elective (3 in 1/1 in 3)	♦	3	_____
_____	PSC Elective	♦	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	■	3	_____
_____	COLA Humanities	■	3	_____
_____	Free Elective		2	_____
	TOTAL HOURS		**14**	

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POLITICAL SCIENCE — 2021-2022

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Student Government Association
- Campus Activity Board
- JMELI
- Commuter Student Advisory Board
- Club Sports
- Religious Organizations
- Political Organizations
- Residence Hall Association
- Cultural Organizations
- National Society of Leadership and Success
- Greek Life

RELATED MAJORS

- Sociology
- History
- Public Relations
- Humanities
- International Affairs
- Journalism
- Management
- Communications
- Social Work

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a minimum of 120 credit hours (some colleges or majors require more);
- Have an overall and Marshall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher;
- Have an overall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher in the major area of study;
- Have earned a grade of C or better in English 201 or 201 H;
- Have met all major(s) and college requirements;
- Have met the requirements of the Core Curriculum;
- Have met the residence requirements of Marshall University, including 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the student's college (see section entitled "Residence Requirements" in the undergraduate catalogue);
- Be enrolled at Marshall at least one semester of the senior year;
- Have transferred no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

Colleges and specific programs may have unique requirements that are more stringent than those noted above. Students are responsible for staying informed about and ensuring that they meet the requirements for graduation.

This academic map is to be used as a guide in planning your coursework toward a degree. Due to the complexities of degree programs, it is unfortunate but inevitable that an error may occur in the creation of this document. The official source of degree requirements at Marshall University is DegreeWorks available in your myMU portal. Always consult regularly with your advisor.

YEAR ONE

Have questions? Need to talk? You already have a Friend-At-Marshall ready to help you succeed. Find your FAM Peer Mentor here: www.marshall.edu/fam

Stay on the Herd Path and come to class! Class attendance is more important to your success than your high school GPA, your class standing, or your ACT/SAT scores.

In order to graduate on time, you need to take an average of 15 credits per semester. Are you on track? Take 15 to Finish!

Attend an intercultural festival or event on campus or in town.

Take a career self-assessment to help determine what majors fit your talents and interests.

Join or create a club or organization on campus about a particular issue you care about. Marshall has more than 200 student organizations.

Take a pulse check. Know what you need to do every year to keep your grants, scholarships, or federal financial aid.

YEAR TWO

Are you completing enough credits to graduate on time? Dropping or failing a class can put you behind. Use summer terms to quickly get back on track.

Run for Student Government and represent your fellow students while making a longterm difference on Marshall's Campus.

National Student Exchange: Study away for one semester and gain a different perspective. Choose from institutions across the US, US territories, or Canada.

Submit a writing to compete in the annual Dan O'Hanlon Essay Competition.

Meet with a career education specialist to conduct a "gap analysis." Figure out the skills you'll need for the career you want while you still have time to build them.

Study abroad in Argentina next summer with a Marshall political science faculty member.

Attend civic meetings, such as the school board, neighborhood associations, city council, or important state legislative sessions.

YEAR THREE

Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Junior Eval to make sure you know what requirements you have left.

Join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, to be recognized for your hard work and enjoy post-graduation benefits.

Networking is key! Attend a Career Expo to seek employment opportunities and network with employers in your field.

Consider applying for a week-long or semester-long internship with the West Virginia State Legislature!

Study abroad in Argentina next summer with a Marshall political science faculty member.

Submit a writing to compete in the annual Dan O'Hanlon Essay Competition.

Explore peer leadership opportunities through the FAM Program, or apply to be a UNI Peer Mentor.

YEAR FOUR

This is it! Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Senior Eval to see what requirements you have left.

No need to wait until graduate school. Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in your major right now.

Prepare to present at the COLA Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference in April.

Join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, to be recognized for your hard work and enjoy post-graduation benefits.

Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities for career advancement? Talk to our Graduate Director about whether graduate school fits your career goals.

Consider applying for a week-long or semester-long internship with the West Virginia State Legislature!

Be at the top of your professional game! Prepare a final resume and practice your interview skills with a career coach in Career Education.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAJOR

- Critical Thinking Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Oral and Written Communication Skills
- Teamwork and Collaboration Skills
- Research and Analytical Skills
- Leadership
- Cultural Understanding

ASSOCIATED CAREERS

- Policy Analyst
- Social Media Manager
- Political Consultant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Attorney
- Diplomat or Foreign Service Officer
- Organizational Researcher
- Union Organizer
- Government Official
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- Business Executive

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