# MAJOR SEMESTER CHECKSHEET
# B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Student Name _____

University ID No. _____     Advisor _____

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**REFER TO THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CoLA) CHECKSHEET. The CoLA checksheet lists detailed course completion information on General Education, Integrated Writing (IW) course requirements, the CoLA Foreign Language/Research Methods courses, high school deficiencies, and other university and college graduation requirements. Students are expected to be familiar with, and are responsible for, all degree requirements listed in the Wright State Catalog, and should meet regularly with their department advisor.**

**Credit Hours/Grade Point Average Required for Graduation:**

- ☐ Complete 124 hours with minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
- ☐ Complete the University General Education (GE) requirements including Integrated Writing (IW) course(s) in GE.
- ☐ Complete 42 hours in PLS major courses; **maximum allowed 45 hours**.
- ☐ Complete 12 hours in Political Science courses at Wright State.
- ☐ Minimum of 2 Integrated Writing (IW) courses in the major.
- ☐ Complete at least 42 credit hours in upper division courses (those numbered 3000 and above).
- ☐ At least 30 credit hours must be at Wright State.
- ☐ Complete residency requirements.
- ☐ Ten (10) of the last 30 hours for the degree must be taken in residence at Wright State.
- ☐ No more than 4 hours of HPR courses are counted toward total credit hours.
- ☐ Courses numbered 1000 are **NOT** counted toward total credit hours.
- ☐ Complete at least 67credit hours within the College of Liberal Arts (includes Economics and Psychology).
- ☐ **Complete graduation check with Political Science Department chair prior to applying to graduate.**

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### Summary of Political Science Major Degree Requirements

**A. Core Course Requirements (PLS 2120 and PLS 2220)**…………………………………………….        **6 hours**
**B. Area Requirements**………………………………………………………………….………..        **18 hours**
    *1. American Government (6 hours)*
    *2. International & Comparative Politics (6 hours)*
    *3. Public Law and Political Theory (6 hours)*
**C. Advanced Political Science Electives – 3000/4000 level courses**………………………………..        **18 hours**

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MAJOR** ………………………………………………..        **42 hours**
              *42 hours – Minimum total for PLS Major*
              *45 hours – Maximum total for PLS Major*

**D. Related Major Requirements from Outside the Department**……………………………        **15-21 hours**

# Wright State Core Requirements by Element

| Elements | Required Distributions | Hours |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Communication | One freshman composition course<br><br>One second-year writing course | 6 |
| 2. Mathematics | One course | 3 |
| 3. Global Traditions | One interdisciplinary Global Studies course<br><br>One history course | 6 |
| 4. Arts/Humanities | One course | 3 |
| 5. Social Science | Two courses from different disciplines | 6 |
| 6. Natural Science | Two lecture/lab science courses | 8 |
| Additional Core Courses | Two additional approved Wright State Core courses from any of the Elements (some Programs may designate these courses) | 6 |
| Multicultural Competence | As part of the Core, in addition to the interdisciplinary Global Studies course (Element 3), students must take a second designated multicultural competence course in any Element, or as an additional course within the Core. | N/A |
| Writing Across the Curriculum | As part of the Core, students must take two Integrated Writing (IW) Core courses | N/A |
| **TOTAL** | **12 Courses** | **38** |

**Options and Substitutions are online.**

## College of Liberal Arts Requirements

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT - 4 semesters in one language**                           **12 credit hours**
Complete one Foreign Language through the 2020 level.  Students who graduated High School in 1986 or earlier should only complete one Foreign Language through the 1020 level.

1) AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE- Select from:  ASL 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) ARABIC – Select from:  ARA 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) CHINESE – Select from:  CHI 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) FRENCH – Select from:  FR 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) GERMAN – Select from:  GER 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) GREEK – Select from:  GR 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) ITALIAN – Select from:  ITA 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) JAPANESE – Select from:  JPN 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) LATIN – Select from:  LAT 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) RUSSIAN – Select from:  RUS 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020
   -OR) SPANISH – Select from:  SPN 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020

**METHODS OF INQUIRY**                                                                           **6 credit hours**
1) QUANTITATIVE THINKING – Select one course from:  COM 4490, MUS 4140, PLS 2100 (recommended), SW 2910, SOC 3400, SOC 3410, URS 4980
2) QUALITATIVE THINKING – Select one from:  PHL 2150, 2230, 4710, 4720

## A. PLS MAJOR CORE REQUIREMENTS (9 Credit Hours Required)

____PLS 2000 Political Life
    (Required of all majors)

____PLS 2120 American Nat'l. Government

____PLS 2220 Int'l. Politics

## B. AREA REQUIREMENTS

Indicate quarter taken or transfer credit if applicable. Also indicate if course taken is Wright Intensive (WI). Courses taken for requirements may NOT be double counted in CoLA Research Methods Option or another PLS major area.

### Area 1.
**American Government and Politics**
**(6 Credit Hours Required)**

____PLS 3150 Rel. & Politics in America
____PLS 3210 Metropolitan Politics
    (previously City Politics)
____PLS 3220 State Government
____PLS 3230 Government of Ohio
____PLS 3250 African American Politics
____PLS 3260 Black Women and Politics
____PLS 3310 Political Parties
____PLS 3350 The American Presidency
____PLS 3370 The Legislative Process
____PLS 3450 Public Administration
____PLS 3460 Public Personnel Admin.
____PLS 3470 Am. Pub. Political Analysis
____PLS 3750 Human Rights in USA
____PLS 3990 Selected Subjects*
____PLS 4030 Campaign & Elections
____PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles
____PLS 4200 Politics and The Novel
____PLS 4250 Metro Studies Seminar
____PLS 4270 Urban Policy Analysis
____PLS 4280 National Security Politics
____PLS 4300 American Gov't. Seminar
____PLS 4330 Public Opinion
____PLS 4340 Political Leadership
____PLS 4350 Political Corruption
____PLS 4460 Public Budgeting
____PLS 4480 Gender Violence Am Pol
____PLS 4820 Legislative Internship
____PLS 4900 Independent Reading*
____PLS 4910 Independent Research*
____PLS 4920 Indepen. Field Research*
____PLS 4930 Contemporary Problems*
____PLS 4940 Special Topics*

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### Area 2.
**Int'l. and Comparative Politics**
**(6 Credit Hours Required)**

____PLS 3020 Intro. to Comp. Politics
____PLS 3560 Politics Society France
____PLS 3700 International Theory
____PLS 3990 Selected Subjects*
____PLS 4060 Globalization
____PLS 4490 Gender Violence Int'l.
    Politics
____PLS 4500 Political Anthropology
____PLS 4510 Contemp. African Politics
____PLS 4520 Int'l. Human Rights
____PLS 4530 Soviet Successor States
____PLS 4540 Politics of the Mid. East
____PLS 4550 Politics of Iraq
____PLS 4560 Politics of Europe
____PLS 4570 Pol. Develop. Nations
____PLS 4580 Latin American Politics
____PLS 4590 Contemporary Brazil
____PLS 4600 Comp. Politics Seminar
____PLS 4610 Comp. Social Movements
____PLS 4620 US-India-Pak-Afghan Pol
____PLS 4630 International Conflict
____PLS 4650 Politics of Nationalism
____PLS 4660 Politics in South Asia
____PLS 4670 China: Domestic Policy
____PLS 4700 Topics in Int'l. Relations
____PLS 4710 International Law
____PLS 4720 International Terrorism
____PLS 4730 American Foreign Policy
____PLS 4740 Pol. Women Terrorists
____PLS 4750 Weapons Mass Destruct
____PLS 4770 International Org
____PLS 4850 Chinese Foreign Policy
____PLS 4860 Model UN Seminar
____PLS 4870 Politics of Intelligence
____PLS 4880 Conflict Resolution
____PLS 4881 Diplomacy & Negotiation
____PLS 4900 Independent Reading
____PLS 4910 Independent Research*
____PLS 4920 Indep Field Research*

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### Area 3.
**Public Law and Political Theory**
**(6 Credit Hours Required)**

____PLS 2100 Quantitative Methods
    (May not be double counted for
    Credit.)
____PLS 3010 Mod. Political Ideologies
____PLS 3400 Law and Society
____PLS 3410 Fund. Criminal
    Investigation
____PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: 1$^{st}$ Amend.
____PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due
    Process
____PLS 3440 Police Pro and Operations
____PLS 3700 International Theory
____PLS 3990 Selected Topics*
____PLS 4010 Dev & Con Am Civ Lib
____PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles
____PLS 4070 Seminar Political Theory
____PLS 4080 Radical Black Thought
____PLS 4090 Supreme Court Legal
    Judging
____PLS 4100 Political Psychology
____PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers & System
____PLS 4160 Sex and The Law
____PLS 4170 Moot Court
____PLS 4180 Politics & Ethics
____PLS 4210 Am. Constitutional Devel
____PLS 4260 Supreme Court
____PLS 4310 Cyber Crime
____PLS 4360 Criminal Law
____PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure
____PLS 4380 Environmental Law Policy
____PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law
____PLS 4400 Constitutional Law
____PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law
____PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System
____PLS 4440 Topics in Criminal Justice
____PLS 4450 Adv Criminal Investgn
____PLS 4840 Pre-Law Internship
____PLS 4900 Independent Reading*
____PLS 4910 Independent Research*
____PLS 4920 Indepen. Field Research*

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*WILL COUNT IN AREA 1, 2 OR 3
BASED UPON TOPIC.

**C. ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (18 Credit Hours Required)**

Eighteen (18) hours chosen in consultation with a department advisor among 3000/4000-level courses with a minimum of three (3) hours at the 4000-level. A MAXIMUM OF 42 HOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD GRADUATION.

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**D. MINOR/SECOND MAJOR OR CONCENTRATION**

**(15-21 Credit Hours Required)**                                                                     **Advisor Initials**

May be the International Studies minor, the Business or International Business minor for Liberal Arts majors, the Management minor, or a minor or second major in another field or a set of courses from another discipline with a clear focus reflecting the individual's career or other interests. Transfer students from Sinclair Community College may apply LAP credits toward "legal affairs" related requirements. Other transfer credit may be applied toward completion of the requirement.  Fifteen to twenty-one (15-21) credits, and advisor approval required.

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**After advising, please have student sign below acknowledging review:**

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