

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

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

University ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 120 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 PLS 2000 as part of Wright State Core requirements.
- ☐ 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 67 credit hours within the College of Liberal Arts (includes Economics and Psychology).
- ☐ **Complete graduation check with Political Science Department chair prior to applying to graduate.**

### Summary of Political Science Major Degree Requirements

<b>A. Core Course Requirements (PLS 2120 and PLS 2220 or 2510).....</b>	<b>6 hours</b>
<b>B. Area Requirements.....</b>	<b>18 hours</b>
1. <i>American Government (6 hours)</i>	
2. <i>International &amp; Comparative Politics (6 hours)</i>	
3. <i>Public Law and Political Theory (6 hours)</i>	
<b>C. Advanced Political Science Electives – 3000/4000 level courses.....</b>	<b>18 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MAJOR .....</b>	<b>42 hours</b>
<i>42 hours – Minimum total for PLS Major</i>	
<i>45 hours – Maximum total for PLS Major</i>	
<b>D. Related Major Requirements from Outside the Department.....</b>	<b>15-21 hours</b>

## Wright State Core Requirements by Element

Elements	Required Distributions	Hours
1. Communication	One freshman composition course One second-year writing course	6
2. Mathematics	One course	3
3. Global Traditions	One interdisciplinary Global Studies course One history course	6
4. Arts/Humanities	One course	3
5. Social Science	Two courses from different disciplines / Required: PLS 2000	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 Courses</b>	<b>38</b>

**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 – PHL 3000

## A. PLS MAJOR CORE REQUIREMENTS (6 Credit Hours Required)

\_\_\_\_ 2000 Power & Politics      \_\_\_\_ PLS 2120 American Nat'l. Government      \_\_\_\_ PLS 2220 Int'l. Politics  
or \_\_\_\_ PLS 2510 Comp. Non-Western Social Systems

## B. AREA REQUIREMENTS

Indicate semester taken or transfer credit if applicable. Also indicate if course taken is Integrated Writing (IW). 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 4822 Congress. District Intern.  
\_\_\_\_ PLS 4823 Campaign Internship  
\_\_\_\_ PLS 4824 Local/City Internship  
\_\_\_\_ PLS 4825 Washington, DC 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 4871 Fund. Intelligence  
Tradecraft  
\_\_\_\_ 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 3100 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<sup>st</sup> 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\*  
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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:**

Date

### Comments

**Advisor**

**Student  
Signature**

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