

B.A. Government, Policy and Law

Four-Year Degree Pathway Example

First Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Recommended Course Selections	Credits	Recommended Course Selections	Credits
GOVT 111: Intro to American Government *	3	GOVT 251: Intro to Global Politics *	3
Cornerstone: ENGL 110: Intro to College Writing	3	Cornerstone: COMM 100: Fundamentals of Speech	3
Cornerstone: FYEX 100	3	Cornerstone: Quantitative Literacies	3
Gateway: Personal Wellness	3	Gateway: Creative Explorations	3
Gateway: Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits for Semester	15	Total Credits for Semester	15

Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Recommended Course Selections	Credits	Recommended Course Selections	Credits
GOVT 221: Intro to Cmprtv Politcl Systms *	3	GOVT 231: Intro to Political Theory *	3
GOVT 100 or 200-Level Course	3	GOVT 100 or 200-Level Course	3
Gateway: Ethical Action and Citizenship	3	Gateway: Investigations in Sci Reasoning	3
Gateway: Information Literacies	3	Gateway: Problem Solving	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits for Semester	15	Total Credits for Semester	15

Third Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Recommended Course Selections	Credits	Recommended Course Selections	Credits
GOVT 200 or 300-Level Course	3	GOVT 200 or 300-Level Course	3
GOVT 300-Level Course	3	GOVT 300 or 400-Level Course	3
Gateway: Technological Competency	3	Keystone: Diverse Cultural Contexts	3
Elective	3	Keystone: Advanced Writing	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits for Semester	15	Total Credits for Semester	15

Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Recommended Course Selections	Credits	Recommended Course Selections	Credits
GOVT 300 or 400-Level Course	3	GOVT 300 or 400-Level Course	3
Capstone: GOVT 400-Level Course	3	Capstone: GOVT 400-Level Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total Credits for Semester	15	Total Credits for Semester	15

* Must earn a C- or better in each of the four (4) core courses: GOVT 111, GOVT 221, GOVT 231, and GOVT 251.

Degree Requirements:

1. Must complete forty-two (42) credits in the major.
2. Must complete at least twenty-one (21) credits in advanced (300 or 400-level) courses, at least six (6) of which must be capstones.
3. Must complete at least six (6) credits of a capstone experience. A capstone experience is a GOVT course (not internship) that carries a 400-level designation, except for GOVT 408. Students may not enroll in capstone experiences until they have completed seventy-five (75) total credits and twenty-four (24) GOVT credits. Students must earn a C- or better in each of the capstone courses.
4. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the major to graduate.
5. Students are encouraged to consider an internship and a semester abroad after their fourth semester at the university.