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Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]

UCO 1200	3			May take in fall or spring of first year
PS 1100	3		X	Counts as Liberal Studies Experience Course 1 and SS Designation
Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) Course 1	3			HS or LS or FA Designation
Liberal Studies Experience Course 2	3			HS or LS or FA Designation
Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy	4			STT 2820 will meet this & STT 1810 major requirement

Semester Two: [13 Credit Hours]

RC 1000	3			May take in fall or spring of first year
STT 1810	3		X	STT 2820 meets Quantitative Lit STT 1810 requirement; If took STT 2820 in Semester One, take Free Elective
Minor Course 1	3			
Gen Ed Wellness Literacy	1			
Free Elective	3			

Semester Three : [16 Credit Hours]

Foreign Language 1010 (or CSD 3368)	3			If test out of this level, take appropriate level (FL 1030 may be option for some languages)
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Student must take a [WID] course when choosing courses to meet PS Area Options Courses or PS Elective Courses on POS. [WID courses: PS 3280, 3320, 3370, 3550, 3570, 4230, 4723, 4748 (Pre: RC 2001)]

PS Area 1-8 Course 1	3		X	Choose one course from at least 4 different areas from Political Science Area options area on POS; Some courses may count in Gen Ed depending on choices
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
Liberal Studies Experience Course 3	3			HS or LS or FA Designation
Minor Course 2	3			

Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]

RC 2001	3			May take in fall or spring of sophomore year
Foreign Language 1020 (or CSD 3370)	3			Unless tested out; if not needed, take free elective or minor
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
ILE Course 2	3			
Minor Course 3	3			

Semester Five: [16 Credit Hours]

PS Elective Course 1	3		X	Total of 15 hours (5 courses) required
PS/CJ 3115	4		X	
Foreign Language 1040 (or CSD 3372)	3			If test out of this level, take appropriate level or Free Elective if language is complete; FL 1060 may be an option for some lang)



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ILE Course 3	3			
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Minor Course 4	3			
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Semester Six: [16 Credit Hours]

PS Area 1-8 Course 2	3		X	Choose one course from at least 4 different areas from Political Science Area options area on POS; Some courses may count in Gen Ed depending on choices
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PS Elective Course 2	3		X	
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PS Elective Course 3	3		X	
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Foreign Language 1050 (or CSD 3374)	3			Counts as Liberal Studies Experience Course 4 ; if language complete with course other than FL 1050/1060, take Liberal Studies Experience Course 4
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Free Elective	3			
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Gen Ed Wellness Literacy	1			
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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]

PS Area 1-8 Course 3	3		X	Choose one course from at least 4 different areas from Political Science Area options area on POS; Some courses may count in Gen Ed depending on choices
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PS Elective Course 4	3		X	
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Minor Course 5	3			
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Minor Course 6	3			If needed for 18 hour minor; otherwise take Free Elective
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Free Elective	3			
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Semester Eight: [12 Credit Hours]

PS 4800	1		X	CAPSTONE
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PS Area 1-8 Course 4	3		X	Choose one course from at least 4 different areas from Political Science Area options area on POS; Some courses may count in Gen Ed depending on choices
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PS Elective Course 5	3		X	
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Minor Course 7	3			If needed for 21 hour minor; otherwise take Free Elective
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Free Elective	2*			*Make sure to take enough electives to reach the minimum 120 hours for the degree
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General Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Gen Ed. Hours	Writing	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
120	44	RC 1000 and RC 2001	2.0	2.0



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All PS courses and all courses in Major Requirements area on Program of Study count in major GPA.

***Some minors require a 2.0 GPA. See Programs of Study for information.**

General Education Program Model - 44 Semester Hours Total

Program Categories	Hours	Important Notes – <i>Be sure to check for Gen Ed courses required in your major</i>
First Year Seminar	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Wellness Literacy	2	
Quantitative Literacy	4	
First Year Writing	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Sophomore Writing	3	
Integrative Learning Experience	9	Must choose a minimum of two disciplines
Liberal Studies Experience	12	Must choose a minimum of three disciplines
Science Inquiry	8	

You must also meet the Fine Arts, Literary Studies, Historical Studies, and the Social Science Designations. Those may be met within the Integrative Learning Experience and the Liberal Studies Experience.

Additional Notes:

- Minor outside Political Science required for this degree.
- Foreign language requirement:
 - Student must take the Foreign Language Placement Test to determine starting course for the foreign language sequence.
 - If Foreign Language 1010 & 1020 taken for prerequisite purposes, they will count in place of 6 hours of Free Electives (3 hours per course).
 - FL 1030 may substitute for FL 1010 & 1020 for some languages; FL 1060 may substitute for FL 1040 & 1050 for some languages.
 - Foreign language classes can be taken in summer semesters.
- Students are required to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a language other than English. Intermediate-level proficiency is demonstrated by successful completion of a 4th-semester language course (FL 1050 or 1060 or CSD 3374). A higher-level language course that requires one of these courses as a prerequisite may also be used to fulfill the requirement.
 - Placement exams are required for several languages. Should a student place higher than the beginning level, any lower level requirements listed on the four year guide will need to be replaced with a free elective if needed for total hours for the degree. Please consult with your advisor for more information.
 - **Note: Appalachian's language placement test is designed for placement purposes only, and a score on this test alone is not sufficient to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency.**
- Residency Requirements:
 - 30 hours must be from ASU
 - 18 hours in the major must be from ASU
 - 9 hours in the minor must be from ASU