Political Science Core and Major Requirements (Bachelor of Arts) – Catalog Year 2010

**Major Requirements for Political Science:**

- 30 semester hours, at least 21 which must be above the 3000 level to include:
  - PLSC 2003 American National Government
  - PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics

- Students must choose one of the following:
  - PLSC 2813 Intro to International Relations
  - PLSC 3103 Intro to Public Administration (PLSC 2003)
  - PLSC 3963 Modern European Political Thought (Junior Standing)

- Students will then fulfill the rest of their major requirements from any available Political Science courses. **At least 21 hours must be in the 3000-4000 levels.** No more than 9 hours may come from PLSC 300V, 394V, 498V, or 499VH
  - PLSC _______
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For more information on Political Science, you can contact the Department of Political Science:
- Old Main 428 (479)-575-3356  
  [http://www.uark.edu/depts/plscinfo/](http://www.uark.edu/depts/plscinfo/)

**This form is NOT a substitute for the Catalog of Studies. Students should verify this information with their advisor, their degree audit, and the Catalog of Studies.**

Requirements for Departmental Honors in Political Science:

The Departmental Honors Program in Political Science offers junior and senior students the opportunity to enroll in enriched and advanced courses and to do independent research in their senior year. Honors candidates are eligible for honors colloquia, honors courses, some advanced seminars, and an independent studies project, usually in close collaboration with one or more members of the faculty.

In addition to satisfying the general college honors requirements for the bachelor’s degree, honors candidates in political science must successfully complete a total of 36 hours of Political Science credit, including 12 hours of honors course work. Six of the 12 hours will be honors essay credit (PLSC 499VH) and will be taken during the senior year. Successful completion and defense of senior essay or thesis is a major part of the Political Science Honors Program, and students should begin discussing it with the Honors Adviser during their junior year. The preferred methods for satisfying the remaining six hours is to enroll in an honors colloquium (3923H) in political science or another department, by enrolling in a graduate-level seminar in political science, or by enrolling in PLSC 399VH (honors course).

Under exceptional circumstances, students may satisfy honors requirements by enrolling in PLSC 394V, by enrolling in honors sections in other departments, or by enrolling in colloquia or graduate seminars in other departments, each of which requires approval by the department chairperson. Successful completion of the requirements will be recognized by the award of the distinction “Political Science Scholar Cum Laude” at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in truly exceptional cases and are based upon the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies. For full details consult the chairperson of the political science department.

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**40-Hour Rule**

Students must complete at least 40 hours of work in courses number 3000 and above. Included in this 40 hours can be courses numbered 2000 if each has a specific course designated as a prerequisite, with the exception of MILS 2001 and 2011, AERO 2001 and 2011, and foreign language courses numbered 2003 and 2013.

**24-Hour Rule**

A student graduating from Fulbright College must complete at least 24 hour of work in courses numbered 3000 and above from departments within the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.