

**Major Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science**

**Mathematics (2 course – 6-7 hours)**

- STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics

**AND**

Choose one of the following:

- MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus
- MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics
- MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning
- or a higher-level math course

**World Language up to Intermediate I (2003) level or higher (hours vary)**

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**World Literature (1 course – 3 hours)**

Choose one of the following:

- WLIT 1113 World Literature I
- WLIT 1123 World Literature II
- Any literature course numbered 3000 or higher
- Any world language literature course numbered 3000 or higher

**Philosophy (1 course – 3 hours)**

Choose one of the following:

- PHIL 2003 Intro to Philosophy
  - PHIL 2103 Intro to Ethics
  - Any 3000+ level PHIL course.
- (PHIL 3103, Ethics & the Professions is recommended)*

**Communication (1 courses – 3 hours)**

- COMM 1313 Public Speaking

**Economics (1-2 courses – 3-6 hours)**

- ECON 2143 Basic Economics: Theory & Practice
- OR**
- ECON 2013 Principles of Macroeconomics and
  - ECON 2023 Principles of Microeconomics

**History 3000+ Level Elective (1 course – 3 hours)**

- HIST \_\_\_\_\_ (3000+)

**Cultural/Diversity Requirement (1 course – 3 hours)**

- JOUR/AAST 3263 African Americans in Film
- JOUR/AAST 4923 History of the Black Press
- JOUR/AAST 3273 African Americans in Documentary Film
- JOUR 405V Specialized Journalism Seminar

*Approved topics include: "Portrayals of Asian Americans in US Media," "Representation of Indian Americans in US Media," "Minorities in the Media," & "Writing for Racially Diverse Audiences"*

**OR** other cultural/diversity course approved by the School of Journalism & Strategic Media.

**Journalism Core (6 courses – 16 hours)**

- JOUR 1023 Media and Society
- JOUR 1033 Media Writing
- JOUR 3633 Media Law (60 hours completed)

**Journalism Concentration Requirements (7 courses – 21 hours)**

Choose one option (A, B, or C) below:

**Option A: Advertising/Public Relations, Political Advertising & Promotion.**

- JOUR 3723 Advertising Principles
- JOUR 3743 Public Relations Principles
- JOUR 4043 Government & the Media

Six hours of Advanced Journalism Courses:

- JOUR 3000+ \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 3000+ \_\_\_\_\_

**Option B: Broadcast, Public Affairs Reporting.**

- JOUR 2032/2031L Broadcast News Reporting I with Lab
- JOUR 3072/3071L Broadcast News Reporting II with Lab
- JOUR 4043 Government & the Media
- JOUR 4863 Television News Reporting I
- JOUR 4873 Television News Reporting II

**Option C: News/Editorial, Public Affairs Reporting.**

- JOUR 2013 News Reporting I
  - JOUR 3013 Editing
  - JOUR 3023 News Reporting II **OR**
  - JOUR 4503 Magazine Writing
  - JOUR 4043 Government & the Media
- One Additional Journalism course

- JOUR \_\_\_\_\_

**Grammar, Spelling, & Punctuation (GSP) Requirement:** All majors and minors must complete the Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation (GSP) requirement as a prerequisite or co-requisite to JOUR 1033 Media Writing by completing one of these two options: 1) Pass JOUR 1003 Journalistic Writing Skills with a grade of C or better; or 2) Pass JOUR 1100 Grammar Spelling Punctuation Requirement with a Satisfactory (S) grade by scoring a 75% or better on the GSP test that is administered through the class. Students who do not complete both the GSP requirement and JOUR 1033 with a C or better cannot enroll in any courses for which JOUR 1033 is a prerequisite. The GSP test is only administered a certain number of times each semester. Students must request a GSP test time a minimum of two weeks before they plan to take the test. There is no guarantee that GSP testing slots will be open when desired, so students must schedule well in advance.

**Political Science Core (3 courses – 9 hours)**

- PLSC 2003 American National Government
- PLSC 2013 Intro to Comparative Politics
- PLSC 4373 Political Communication

**Choose option A or B below: (5 courses – 15 hours)**

**Option A:**

Choose five courses (15 hours) from the following:

- PLSC 3103 Public Administration
- PLSC 4153 Public Policy
- PLSC 3223 Arkansas Politics & the Nation
- PLSC 3233 The American Congress
- PLSC 3243 The Judicial Process
- PLSC 3253 Urban Politics
- PLSC 3603 Scope & Methods of Political Science
- PLSC 3853 American Foreign Policy
- PLSC 3923H Honors Colloquium
- PLSC 394V Readings in Political Science
- PLSC 3983 Politics in Literature
- PLSC 4193 Administrative Law
- PLSC 4203 American Political Parties
- PLSC 4213 Campaigns & Elections
- PLSC 4253 The US Constitution I
- PLSC 4283 Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations

**Option B:**

Choose five courses (15 hours) from the following:

- PLSC 3503 Governments & Politics of East Asia
- PLSC 3523 Politics of the Middle East
- PLSC 3573 Governments & Politics of Latin America
- PLSC 3603 Scope & Methods of Political Science
- PLSC 3803 International Organization
- PLSC 3813 International Law
- PLSC 3823 Theories of International Relations
- PLSC 3853 American Foreign Policy
- PLSC 3923H Honors Colloquium
- PLSC 394V Readings in Political Science
- PLSC 4513 Creating Democracies
- PLSC 4563 Government & Politics of Russia
- PLSC 4573 Gender & Politics
- PLSC 4593 Islam & Politics
- PLSC 4803 Foreign Policy Analysis
- PLSC 4843 The Middle East in World Affairs
- PLSC 4873 Inter-American Politics

**Writing Requirement**

Students pursuing the Journalism/Political Science combined major may satisfy the writing requirement through either department.

- Journalism: Satisfied upon successful completion of JOUR 4981 with a grade of "C" or better.
- Political Science: Submit acceptable research/analytical paper to the department for approval at least four weeks prior to graduation.