

POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.S.) - ONLINE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Communication & Information Literacy ¹		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning ¹		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Math Elective MATH 114 or higher	3
Critical Thinking ¹		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ²	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
Civic & Global Engagement ¹		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
Social & Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
Christianity & Contexts ¹		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey ²	4
Total Hours		39-42

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Foundational Courses		
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise ¹	3
GOVT 220	American Government ¹	3
Total Hours		6

¹ Course may fulfill select general education requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Core		
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3

Code	Title	Hours
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 327	State and Local Government	3
GOVT 328	American Political Processes	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 376	Resilient Nations	3
GOVT 410	Political Science Research	3
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 460	Contemporary Issues in Political Science	3
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3

Total Hours **39**

Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
	Choose 33-39 credit hours of Free Electives	33-39
Total Hours		33-39

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 120 Total hours
- 2.0 Overall grade point average
- 30 Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- 25% Of major and concentration taken through Liberty University
- 30 Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
	Social Science Elective (GOVT 200) ¹	3
Hours		14-17
Second Semester		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
GOVT 220	American Government	3
	Communications Elective ¹	3
	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
Hours		13

Second Year

First Semester		
	Critical Thinking Elective ¹	3
	MATH Elective ¹	3

Course	Title	Hours
GOVT 210	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT 230	Public Policy Research and Writing	3
GOVT 328	American Political Processes	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
Cultural Studies Elective ¹		3
Information Literacy Elective ¹		3
GOVT 302	Modern Political and Economic Ideas	3
GOVT 329	American Exceptionalism	3
GOVT 330	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Hours		15
Third Year		
First Semester		
Natural Science Elective ¹		3
GOVT 340	International Relations	3
GOVT 376	Resilient Nations	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
GOVT 421	American Constitutional History	3
GOVT 425	American Foreign Policy	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
GOVT 460	Contemporary Issues in Political Science	3
GOVT 490	Political Theory	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
GOVT 492	Senior Seminar	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		117-120

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives at www.liberty.edu/gened before enrolling foundational skills requirements.