

**I. CORE CURRICULUM ..... 44**  
Political Science 1100 required for the major will also fulfill a core curriculum social science requirement.

**II. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS ..... 61**  
**2.0 major GPA is required for graduation. Major GPA calculation will include all courses taken in the Political Science/Criminal Justice department, plus any other courses under II. Minimum of 18 semester hours of courses taken to fulfill major requirements must be courses offered by Appalachian.**

**A. Twenty two (22) semester hours of required Political Science courses:**

- P S 1100 \_\_\_\_ (3) American National Government and Politics
- P S 2130 \_\_\_\_ (3) State and Local Government
- P S 3115 \_\_\_\_ (4) Research Methods (ND, C) (*Prerequisite: STT 2810*)
- P S 3130 \_\_\_\_ (3) American Political Parties and Interest Groups
- P S 3230 \_\_\_\_ (3) American Legislative Politics
- P S 4230 \_\_\_\_ (3) The Presidency and the Executive Branch (W)
- P S 4710 \_\_\_\_ (3) American Political Thought (CD)

**B. Nine (9) semester hours of required Political Science electives chosen with the consent of an advisor.**

**C. Required American Politics Concentration (minimum of 30 semester hours)**

The concentration, made up of courses drawn from one or more disciplines outside the Political Science Department, requires careful planning. Students are encouraged to develop their program of study early in their academic careers with the assigned departmental advisor for this specific concentration. The career-oriented concentration often includes an internship, and all concentrations require Statistics 2810. Copies of each student's program of study, signed by the departmental chairperson, must be on file in the Political Science Department Office as well as the Dean's Office in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Required in Concentration:**

- STT 2810 \_\_\_\_ (3) Introduction to Data Analysis and Statistical Inference (C, ND)

**III. MINOR (optional)**

<u>Major Designators</u>	
2 Writing (W)	____ ____
1 Speaking (S)	____
Certified Proficiency in Communication (CPC)	____
Successful completion of major designators will meet CPC requirement in Political Science.	
<u>Other Designators</u>	
4 Writing (W)	____ ____ ____ ____
(English 1000 and 1100 will count as 2 W)	
4 Multi Cultural (MC)	____ ____ ____ ____
(History 1101 and 1102 will count as 2 MC)	
2 Numerical Data (ND)	____ ____
2 Computer (C)	____ ____
1 Cross Disciplinary (CD)	____

**IV. ELECTIVES (taken to total 122 hours for the degree)..... 17-20**  
**2 semester hours of free electives must be outside the major discipline.**