

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

### MAJOR MAP

#### 1ST YEAR

#### 2ND YEAR

#### 3RD YEAR

#### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

#### WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

#### COURSES TO TAKE

- PO 106 and PO 107
- Can also take PO 235 and/or PO 225
- WU 101, EN 101, Foreign Language 101 and 102, MA 116 or 112
- 100/200 level general education

- PO 225 and PO 235
- Can also take UD electives and/or PO 372 and PO 373
- 100/200 level general education
- Consider options for a minor: Mass Media, History, English, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice
- If pre-law, talk to pre-law advisor about appropriate prelaw courses

- PO 335 and PO 325 and UD required hours
- PO 390 (Fall)
- PO 450 (Spring)
- Can also take UD electives
- 100/200 level general education and minor hours
- If pre-law, prelaw courses

- PO UD courses and UD electives
- Finish general education courses and minor hours
- Apply for graduation through MyWashburn

#### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Meet with your advisor
- Discuss with PO internship advisor timing and logistics of doing a political science internship
- Volunteer and/or intern with a political campaign in summer or fall if election year

- Participate in the PO Dept's legislative internship program (apply in Fall term for spring internship)
- Research and discuss occupations with your advisor and begin studying for the LSAT/GRE
- Consider becoming an RA

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- Participate in the PO Dept's legislative internship program (apply in Fall term for spring internship). If did previous internship, apply for Clyde Hill leadership internship in legislature.
- Fill in gaps in experience

#### BUILD YOUR NETWORK

- Join clubs such as Young Republicans/Young Democrats, Prelaw Club, Model UN Club, etc. Consider forming your own interest-based club
- Attend PO Dept's events
- Consider running for office in the WSGA

- Volunteer on campus or off
- Join student organizations in areas of interest
- Get to know your PO professors by visiting them during office hours
- Volunteer and/or intern with a political campaign if election year

- Create and maintain a LinkedIn account
- Begin identifying professors and internship supervisors who can serve as strong references for you on post-grad applications

- Request references from professors
- Join groups in LinkedIn related to your professions of interest
- Attend WU career fair and utilize Career Services supports

#### GLOBAL THINKING

- Take PO 225 and/or PO 235
- Talk to PO advisor and research WU Int'l Programs website about upcoming study abroad programs
- Consider general education classes that have international focus
- Download free BBC App and Reuters News App to your phone

- Study Abroad Program #1 (Departmental programs include Japan, European Capitals, and Cuba)
- WTE associated with study abroad program (Int'l or Scholarly Creative)
- Consider joining Model UN Club

- Study Abroad Program #1 or #2
- WTE associated with study abroad program (Int'l or Scholarly Creative)
- Consider applying for Fulbright Scholarship
- Consider AmeriCorps or Peace Corps

- Study Abroad Program #2
- WTE with study abroad program (Int'l or Scholarly Creative)
- Model UN Club

#### POST-GRAD PREPARATION

- Explore jobs in U.S. and Kansas government
- Research entrance requirements for graduate school and/or law school
- Discuss with your advisor about WTE and career options in public service, law, and teaching

- Meet with your advisor about post-grad options. Think about where you imagine yourself in ten years.
- Build your resume
- Take Practice LSAT, GRE, and/or prep courses

- Consider "gap year" to teach abroad in Japan, South Korea or China.
- Meet with admissions at WU School of law if interested in law school.
- Visit potential grad schools
- Take LSAT and/or GRE

- Apply (fall) for teaching abroad programs in Japan, South Korea, and/or China.
- Apply for jobs, post-grad internships, and/or graduate school/law school. (Apply to law/graduate schools in spring.)

- Peace Corps
- Entry level jobs in a variety of fields
- Internship and gap year programs
- Teaching English abroad
- Law School
- Social Science graduate school program (political science, international relations, communications, criminal justice, public policy, public administration, journalism, higher education student life, and others)
- Business School graduate program
- Local, state, or national government
- Offices of state and national elected office holder
- Non-governmental or non-profit organization
- Government and/or social studies teaching at high school level
- Media (TV, radio, online)
- Higher education administration (study abroad office, student life)
- Military with focus on civil affairs or intelligence
- CIA, NSA, State Department

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