Political science majors explore issues of power, conflict, and justice. Students will study theories of government and the development of political systems along with the role of groups and individuals within the political process. With this understanding students will begin to explain why governments and people behave the way they do and see how changes to a governmental system will alter behavior in the future. The Department of Political Science at UK offers a wide range of courses spanning the sub-fields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations. Specific subjects include: political processes, judicial behavior, political theory, international conflict, political behavior, comparative institutions, public administration, women in politics, constitutional law, and state and local government.

### Freshman Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

- **PS 101 - AMERICAN GOVERNMENT** - 3
- **UK Core - Comp. & Comm. I** - 3
- **Foreign Language 101** - 4
- **UK Core - Arts and Creativity** - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 13**

#### SPRING SEMESTER

- **PS 210 - INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS** - 3
- **PS 230 - INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** - 3
- **UK Core - Comp. & Comm. II** - 3
- **Foreign Language 102** - 4
- **A&S Natural Sciences Course (100+ level)** - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 16**

Total Freshman Hours: 29

### Sophomore Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

- **Premajor Field Four Selection** - 3
- **Foreign Language 201** - 3
- **UK Core - Humanities** - 3
- **A&S Natural Sciences Course (100+ level)** - 3
- **A&S Lab or Field Work** - 1
- **A&S Approved Elective (100+ level)** - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 16**

#### SPRING SEMESTER

- **Foreign Language 202** - 3
- **UK Core - Natural, Physical and Math** - 3
- **UK Core - Quantitative Foundations** - 3
- **A&S Humanities (100+ level)** - 3
- **A&S Approved Elective (100+ level)** - 3

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

Total Sophomore Hours: 31

### Junior Year

#### FALL SEMESTER

- **Political Science Course (200+ level)** - 3
- **Political Science Course (300+ level)** - 3
- **Course Outside Poli Sci (200+ level)** - 3
- **A&S Humanities (100+ level)** - 3
- **UK Core - Statistical Inferential Reason** - 3

#### SPRING SEMESTER

- **Political Science Course (300+ level)** - 3
- **Political Science Course (300+ level)** - 3
- **Course Outside Poli Sci (200+ level)** - 3
- **Course Outside Poli Sci (300+ level)** - 3
- **A&S Approved Elective (100+ level)** - 3
### Senior Year

**FALL SEMESTER**
- WRD 304 - WRITING IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES - **3**
- Political Science Course (300+ level) - **3**
- Political Science Course (300+ level) - **3**
- Course Outside Poli Sci (300+ level) - **3**
- A&S Approved Elective (300+ level) - **3**

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

**SPRING SEMESTER**
- Course Outside Poli Sci (300+ level) - **3**
- Course Outside Poli Sci (300+ level) - **3**
- Political Science Course (300+ level) - **3**
- A&S Approved Elective (300+ level) - **3**
- A&S Approved Elective (100+ level) - **3**

**TOTAL HOURS: 15**

Total Senior Hours: **30**

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**Total Minimum hours Required for Degree: 120 hours**

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