

Political Science, BA

Placement Exams for the Major:

[Math Placement Test](#) - Only if your SAT MAT was less than 550 or your ACT MAT was less than 22. Take this online placement test as soon as possible and prior to registering for classes. If you don't pass the Math Placement Test with a score of 10 or higher, then register for MAT 1010. If you score higher than 10 and you have a strong background in statistics from high school, take STT 2820. (STT 2820 will fulfill Gen Ed and major requirements.)

[Language Placement](#) - You must take a foreign language sequence of classes for this major and therefore need to take a language placement test. (To complete the language component of this degree, you will need to complete the "1050" (intermediate II) section of your desired language.

First-Year Student Course Recommendations:

1. P_S 1100
2. Enroll in the appropriate Foreign Language Course (The language placement test will place you into the appropriate level)
3. RC 1000 or UCO 1200 (Choose one, but feel free to take both if they are available)
4. Choose a General Education **Quantitative Literacy** course. (See the Math Placement note above for your options.)
5. Choose a class from either the Sustainability and Climate Literacy, Intercultural Literacy, or Humanity and Its Systems section. (If possible, focus on your Historical Studies [HS] or Fine Arts [FA] designations if they are still required. You can view your remaining General Education designations toward the top of your DegreeWorks.)

[Having trouble registering?](#)

- Review the [Student Self-Service Guide](#) for registration instructions and videos.
- If the courses above are closed, [add yourself to waitlists](#).
- Then, add appropriate classes from page 2 of the [2025-2026 Checksheat](#) until you have registered for 12-15 total hours.
- Use the [Gen Ed Requirements in the Bulletin](#) to look up Gen Ed course descriptions.
- Use this [Course Prefixes/Subjects list](#) to know which subject to choose in the Class Search in AppalNet.
- Rewatch the [Gen Ed video in PREP](#) to better understand the Categories and Designations components of Gen Ed.
 - Carefully review your Program of Study. There are a number of Gen Ed courses included in the major, (some with designations attached and some without.)

- Note: All English Literary Studies: ENG xxxx (LS) designation courses have a prerequisite of R C 1000, First Year Writing (R C = Rhetoric & Composition.)
- **Boone Campus** students: Here is a [color-coded 2-page General Education checksheet](#) (updated 3x/day) that shows which Boone Campus Gen Ed classes have open seats.

Alternative Courses for Your First Semester:

Can't get into the classes above? Try these:

- 1-2 credit hours of Wellness Literacy
- Choose one of the International & Comparative Politics courses (PS 2120 or PS 2240)
- Choose a course within Areas 1-8 of your Program of Study.
- Enroll in an additional Gen Ed Course*

*Please plan for your Fine Arts (FA), Historical Studies (HS), Literary Studies (LS) and Social Science (SS) designations appropriately. You will automatically complete your [Foundations of American Democracy](#) (FAD) degree requirement once you complete P_S 1100, which is a required course for your degree.

Have you built a 14-16 hour schedule using the classes above?

- Are you looking for a class to help you build your skills to be successful in college and help you adjust to college life? Check out these elective courses: [College Success Seminar](#) and [Academic Success Courses](#).

This degree requires a minor:

You can view the list of minors available at App State [here](#).