

Political Science

“Majoring in Political Science at Mary Washington is great. All of the Professors take a personal



interest in the students and we are so close to where the ‘political action’ is in Washington and Richmond that it’s easy to get internships, bring down guest speakers, and take field trips.”

Dr. Jack Kramer, chair

New students considering a major in political science should select **PSCI 101A** in their first semester and **PSCI 102A** in the next semester.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a political science major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	Major, HES
2. GEOG 110 - Weather and Climate with Lab (4)	NS
3. ARAB 101** - Beginning Arabic (3)	Language
4. FSEM 100LL - Maps and Politics (3)	FSEM
5. PHYD 105 - Volleyball (1)	Elective

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	Major, HES
2. FSEM 100F3 - Cultural Works Graphic Novel (3)	FSEM
3. GERM 101** - Beginning German (3)	Language
4. CPSC 110** - Intro Computer Science (3)	QR
	NS

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5. BIOL 121 - Biology Concepts I with Lab (4)

Example 3: Athletes for varsity sports must register for the 400-level course of the sport. Practice times for varsity sports can vary, but generally speaking, athletes should allow for enough time to get to and from practice on weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m. Please check with the individual coach for your sport to verify specific practice times each semester.

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. PSCI 101A - Intro to Political Science (3)	Major, HES
2. COMM 205 - Public Speaking (3)	Elective, SI*
3. PSCI 102A - Intro to International Relations (3)	Major, GI
4. MATH 115A - Intro to Math Modeling (3)	QR, SI*
5. PHYD 413 - Intercollegiate Soccer - Men (1)	Elective

**Please note that not all sections of a course may have the Speaking Intensive (SI) or Writing Intensive (WI) attributes. These designations for a course are dependent on instructor and semester, and are listed in the Banner description for the semester in which you are registering.*

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Talk to your Student Success Coordinator if you believe you should start at a higher level.*