



BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (120 CREDITS)

The 4-year plan below is for guidance only. Always review your individual check sheet for your degree requirements and progress. For full course descriptions, see the [RMU Course Catalog](#). For more information, including on the Political Science Early Law Program, contact: **Dr. Justin DePlato, Associate Professor of Political Science and Lead-faculty in Political Science at deplato@rmu.edu**
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RMU CORE COURSES - 39 CREDITS REQUIRED

CSEN; or CSCM	1010; or 2050	Reading & Writing Strategies; or Intercultural Communications (Honors section: CSHR2050)	3
CSEN	1020	Argument & Research (Honors section: CSHR1020)	3
CSCM	1030	Public Speaking & Persuasion (Honors section: CSHR1030)	3
CSCM	2040	Professional Communication in Workplace (Honors section: CSHR2040)	3
ECON	1020	Principles of Macroeconomics – Minimum of “C” must be earned	3
HUMA	1010	Humanities: Art and Music (Honors section: HUMA1015)	3
INFS	1020	Fundamentals of Information Technology (Honors section: INFS1025)	3
MATH; or MATH; or MATH	1050; or 1010; or 1020	Mathematical Reasoning and Application; or College Mathematics; or Pre-Calculus	3
PSYC	1010	General Psychology (Honors section: PSYC1015)	3
HIST	1100	United States History I ((Honors section: HIST1105) – Minimum of “C” must be earned	3
SOCI; or SOCI	1010; or 1020	Principles of Sociology; or Contemporary American Social Problems (Honors section: SOCI1025)	3
ENGL		Literature Elective Choose from 1040, 1050, 1060, 2030, 2040, 2055 (Honors section: ELIT2065), or 2080	3
—	—	Natural Science Elective Choose from BIOL1040, BIOL1050, BIOL1060, BIOL1250, BIOL1320, CHEM1220, ENVS1140, ENVS1160, ENVS1170, GEOL1090 (HNRS GEOL1095), GEOL1100, GEOL1130, PHYS1060, or SCIE1020	3

MAJOR - 45 CREDITS REQUIRED – Minimum of “C” must be earned for each course

ECON	1030	Principles of Microeconomics (Honors: ECON1035)	3
GEOG	1020	World Geography	3
HIST	1200	United States History II	3
HIST	3400	Pennsylvania History	3
POLS	1010	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS	1020	American National Government	3
POLS	1030	Comparative Contemporary Political Systems	3
POLS	1040	International Relations	3
POLS	3010	Political Thought	3
POLS	3020	The Constitution	3
POLS	3070	Pennsylvania Politics	3
POLS	4800	Senior Research Project	3
POLS	4803	Political Science Practicum	3
SOSC	3800	Social Science Research Methods	3
STAT	2110	Statistics	3

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES - 12 CREDITS REQUIRED – Minimum of “C” must be earned for each course

POLS	2020	Criminal Law and Evidence	3
POLS	3030	The American Presidency	3
POLS	3040	American Foreign Policy	3
POLS	3050	American Political Parties/Elections	3
POLS	3060	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3
HIST	3500	History of Urban America	3
POLS; or HIST	—; or —	3000-4000-level Political Science course, as approved in advance by the department; or 3000-4000-level History course, as approved in advance by the department	3

OPEN ELECTIVES - 24 CREDITS REQUIRED

—	—	Open Elective 1	3
—	—	Open Elective 2	3
—	—	Open Elective 3	3
—	—	Open Elective 4	3
—	—	Open Elective 5	3
—	—	Open Elective 6	3
—	—	Open Elective 7	3
—	—	Open Elective 8	3

A cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher is required for graduation.