

B.A. in Political Science

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2021) Department of Political Science and Economics

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2018 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RUGPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core and Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://confluence.rowan.edu/display/AS/Rowan+Core+Course+List>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Students must receive a grade of C or better in all courses satisfying Major requirements.

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all six Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy.

With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
- COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh) COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh) CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- (ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (HUML) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:*

Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 sh

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:*

Non-Program Courses (18-24 sh)

Courses in this section must be either: Rowan Core (or former gen. ed.) courses; Rowan Experience courses; or required pre-requisites (not included in the major).

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
GEOG 16140	World Regional Geography				3
ECON 04101	Introduction to Macroeconomics				3
ECON 04102	Introduction to Microeconomics				3
HIST 05100 or HIST 05101	Western Civilization to 1660 or Western Civilization since 1660				3
HIST 05150 or HIST 05151	US History to 1865 or US History since 1865				3
PHIL 09110 or PHIL 09130	Logic of Everyday Reasoning or Intro to Symbolic Logic				3
Experiential Learning		Must choose one course from the bank of experiential learning courses below.			0-6

Subtotal: 18-24 sh

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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Experiential Learning

Choose one course from the following bank of experiential learning courses.

- AFST 11350: Topics in Africana Studies: Model African Union INTR 20395: Experiential Learning in the Humanities & Social Sciences
 EDPA 02490: Public Service Internship INTR 20399: Internship in the Applied Liberal Arts
 INTR 01470: Semester Abroad IS 25350: Special Topics in International Studies: Model United Nations
 INTR 20390: Interdisciplinary Case Studies in the Liberal Arts

Major Requirements (36 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 12 sh of Foundational Courses
- 6 sh of Upper-Level Courses
- 6 sh of Applied Politics
- 12 sh of Political Science Electives
- 36 sh total

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
POSC 07110	American Government				3
POSC 07200	Survey of Western Political Thought				3
POSC 07230	Comparative Political Systems				3
POSC 07320	International Relations				3
Subtotal:					12 sh

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
POSC 07360	Methodology in Political Science	Should be taken in Fall of Senior Year			3
POSC 07489	Seminar in Political Science	Should be taken in Spring of Senior Year			3
Subtotal:					6 sh

APPLIED POLITICS

Choose 6 s.h. through either of the following options:

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
EDPA 02490	Public Service Internship				6

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<i>Choose two of the following courses:</i>					
<input type="radio"/> EDPA 02320	Public Administration				3
<input type="radio"/> EDPA 02410	Public Policy				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07220	State and Local Government				3
Subtotal:					6 sh

POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

Choose a total of four courses from the following three areas (choosing at least one course from each area):

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
Area 1: American Politics / Public Administration (choose at least one course):					
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07220	State and Local Government				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07303	Campaigns, Political Parties and Interest Groups				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07305	The Legislative Process				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07306	The Presidency				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07308	Current Problems in American Politics				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07311	Women and American Politics				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07323	Politics of Poverty: Class, Gender, and Race in America				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07324	The Politics of Race in American Society				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07327	Social Movements and Political Activism				3
<input type="radio"/> POSC 07335	Mass Media and Politics				3

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	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07370	Special Topics in Political Science (according to topic)				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07380	American Politics on Film				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07385	Environmental Policy				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07400	American Political Thought				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07401	Contemporary Political Thought				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07491	Independent Study in Political Science (according to topic)				3
<input type="radio"/>	EDPA 02320	Public Administration				3
<input type="radio"/>	EDPA 02410	Public Policy				3
Area 2: International & Comparative Politics (choose at least one course):						
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07321	Contemporary World Problems				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07330	Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07341	Russian, East European and Eurasian Politics				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07346	Politics and Society of Great Britain				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07347	Politics of the Middle East				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07350	Introduction to Asian Political Systems				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07370	Special Topics in Political Science (according to topic)				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07420	International Law				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07421	International Organizations				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07491	Independent Study in Political Science (according to topic)				3
Area 3: Constitutional Law & the Legal Process (choose at least one course):						
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07310	American Constitutional Law				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07312	Freedom of Expression				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07340	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07370	Special Topics in Political Science (according to topic)				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07375	Politics and the Judicial Process				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07410	Selected Problems in Constitutional Law				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07415	In-depth Study of the Current Supreme Court				3
<input type="radio"/>	POSC07491	Independent Study in Political Science (according to topic)				3
Subtotal: 12 sh						

Free Electives for this Major / Degree (51-57 sh)

Students should choose Free Electives that satisfy any Rowan Core, Rowan Experience, or Experiential Learning requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits

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Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
					Subtotal: 51-57 sh

Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 120 SH