

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE



DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

ACADEMIC LEARNING COMPACT

CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (Declarative Knowledge): Students in Political Science will demonstrate an understanding of concepts, theories, and facts about political structures and processes in political institutions, political behavior, and public policy.

Students will complete CPO 3003 (Comparative Politics), in which they complete examinations and submit term papers that cover the content knowledge of the discipline.

CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (Technical Skills): Students in Political Science will use a statistical computer package to conduct data analyses.

Students will complete POS 3936 (Research Methods), in which they will complete classroom assignments using statistical computer packages to conduct data analyses.

COMMUNICATION (Written Communication): Students in Political Science will write about political science concepts and theories in a grammatically correct and logically consistent manner.

COMMUNICATION (Oral Communication): Students in Political Science will verbally convey political ideas and arguments in an effective and persuasive manner.

In CPO 3003 (Comparative Politics), students will complete written assignments such as book reviews, essay exams and research papers; students will also deliver classroom oral presentations on some of their written work.

CRITICAL THINKING (Analytical Skills): Students in Political Science will analyze information and data related to quantitative and qualitative research by applying the basic principles of scientific methodology including: (1) the nature of scientific explanations, (2) the validity and reliability of observations, (3) operationalism, (4) formulation and testing hypotheses, and (5) data analysis and interpretation.

In POS 3936 (Research Methods), students will submit a research paper that demonstrates their proficiency in employing the scientific method.

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COMPLETE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS APPEAR IN FAU'S UNIVERSITY CATALOG