

McMicken College of Arts & Sciences
Political Science: 3-year degree option (BA)

Fall Year 1

POL1010	Introduction to American Politics (HP, SS)	3
POL1060	Introduction to Comparative Politics (DC, SS)	3
	Foreign Language Sequence (DC)	5
	Natural Science Course (NS)	3
	Freshman Seminar (If admitted as a freshman)	3

Credit Total **14-17**

Fall Year 2

POL3000	Political Inquiry: Approaches and Methods	3
POL____	American Politics Group Course (see below)	3
POL____	Comparative Politics Group Course (see below)	3
STAT1034	Elementary Statistics I (QR)	3
	Free Elective Course (Minor)	3

Credit Total **15**

Fall Year 3

POL____	Additional POL Courses (see below)	6
	Free Elective Course (Minor)	9

Credit Total **15**

Spring Year 1

POL1040	Introduction to Political Theory (SE, SS)	3
POL1080	Introduction to International Relations (SE, SS)	3
	Foreign Language Sequence (DC)	5
	Natural Science Course (NS)	3
ENGL1001	English Composition (EC)	3

Credit Total **17**

Spring Year 2

POL____	Political Theory Group Course (see below)	3
POL____	International Relations Group Course (see below)	3
POL____	Additional POL Courses (see below)	3
STAT1035	Elementary Statistics II (QR)	3
	Free Elective Courses (Minor)	3

Credit Total **15**

Spring Year 3

POL____	Additional POL Course for Capstone (see below)	3
	Interdisciplinary Course	3
	Free Elective Courses (Minor)	9

Credit Total **15**

Summer Year 1* (see additional options, below)

ENGL2089	Intermediate Composition (EC)	3
	Humanities or Fine Arts Course (HU or FA)	3
	Free Elective Course (Minor)	9

Credit Total **15**

Summer Year 2

	Humanities Course (HU)	3
HIST____	HIST Course (HP)	3
	Social Science Course (SS – not from POL)	3
	Free Elective Courses (Minor)	6

Credit Total **15**

Additional options for 3-year degree:

1. Summer Semesters – As laid out above, this degree can be completed within 3 academic years without the need of previously earned college credit. Modifications to this include taking classes in the Summer Semester following Year 3 and/or taking 18 credits in those semesters that currently contain 15 or fewer credit hours. Students interested in these options should meet with their advisor about this in order to make an academic plan early.
2. Advanced Standing Credit – Many students earn college level credit while in high school and it is almost always applicable to a degree program, even if just as elective credit. Students with previously earned credit can find out more about this at the university's [Transfer Credit Information](#) page. Admitted students should be sure to send their scores and/or transcripts to the university (via the Office of Admissions) in order for their credit to be transferred. Once scores and/or transcripts are received, a Credit Evaluation Report (CER) will be created for the student. The CER will allow each student to see both the aggregate number of credit hours they will receive as well as the specific courses they will count as. This will allow each student to “cross-off” classes for which they are receiving credit from the above model. The more credit a student brings to UC, the more flexibility he/she is going to have completing his/her degree. The University of Cincinnati accepts credits from a variety of programs including: Advanced Placement (AP); Cambridge International A-Level; College Level Examination Program (CLEP); International Baccalaureate (IB); Post Secondary Enrollment (PSEOP); among others. Additionally, military credit, as reported on a military transcript, is accepted at UC.
3. Proficiency Testing – Students may have the opportunity to “test out” of certain courses by scoring high enough on university Proficiency tests. These students do not receive credit, but they may have specific courses “waived” thereby lower the total hours they need for their degree. This option is most readily available in the Foreign Language departments.