

# POLITICAL SCIENCE – WORLD POLITICS

The requirements for the Political Science World Politics program include:

## Department Requirements:

1. A minimum of 33 PLS credits.
2. 2.0 GPA or higher in PLS coursework.
3. PLS 140 and PLS 160
4. PLS 200 and PLS 201
5. Five additional PLS courses at the 300 level.
  - a. International Relations: PLS 342, 362, 363, 364
  - b. Comparative Politics: PLS 344, 351, 352, 353, 354, 356, 357, 358
6. Distribution requirement of 300-level Political Science courses: at least two courses from International Relations and Comparative Politics.\*
7. One Tier II Writing course within the department.\*\*
8. One History and one Geography course at the 300 or 400 level.
  - a. Geography (choose 1): GEO 335 (Latin America), GEO 336 (Europe), GEO 337 (East Asia), GEO 338 (Africa)
  - b. History (choose 1): HST 336 (Contemporary Europe), HST 344 (Russia), HST 361 (Africa), HST 370 (Japan), HST 373 (Middle East), HST 381 (Latin America), HST 390 (History of International Relations).

- \* American Government & Politics: PLS 100 and PLS 301-334  
Methods of Political Analysis: PLS 200 and 201  
Political Theory & Philosophy: PLS 170 and 370-377  
International/Comparative Politics: PLS 140, 160, 342-358, and 361-364
- \*\* Tier II Writing (W): PLS 420, 421, 422, 440, 441, 460, 461, or 470

## College Requirements:

9. Complete coursework in Social Science, Arts and Letters, and Natural Sciences.
  - a. In Social Science, students must complete 15 credits, including: EC 202, one of the following Geography courses: GEO 335, 336, 337, 338), one of the following History courses: HST 336, 344, 361, 370, 373, 381, 390, and six more credits from any of the following departments: ANP, CJ, EC, FCE, GEO, HST, PSY, SOC, SW, or UP.
  - b. In Arts & Letters, students must complete 9 credits from any of the following departments or courses: AMS, CLA, ENG, HA, LIN, LL, MUS, PHL, REL, ROM, STA, THR, WRA 200+, WS, foreign languages, CEP 341, 441 A + B, or 442 A + B.
  - c. In Natural Science students must complete 6 credits from any of the following departments or courses: AST, BCH, BS, CEM, ENT, GLG, MMG, MTH, PHY, PLB, PLP, PSL, STT, ZOL, ANP 202, CSE 101, GEO 203, GEO 206, or HNF 150.



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## UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS:

### Integrative Studies:

Each student must complete a minimum of 24 Integrative Studies credits, including 8 credits in each of the following three areas: Arts and Humanities (IAH); Biological and Physical Sciences (ISB, ISP) including 2 credits of lab; and Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (ISS).

### Tier I Writing:

Each student must either:

- a. Secure a waiver by receiving a 3 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English or earn course credit by receiving a 4 on the exam, or
- b. complete one 4-credit Tier I writing course (WRA 1xx). In some cases, based on the English placement exam, a student may be required to complete developmental writing courses (WRA 0102 and 1004) prior to enrolling in a Tier I writing course.

### University Math:

A student may meet the mathematics requirement by:

- a. Obtaining a Mathematics Placement Service Exam score of at least 19 on a proctored exam, or
- b. completing one of the following options at MSU:
  1. one course from MTH 110, 112, 116, 124, 132, 152H, and 201, or
  2. both MTH 103 and MTH 114, or
  3. either STT 200 or STT 201.

### Additional:

Students must also:

- a. complete a minimum of 120 credits (123 if MTH 1825 is required);
- b. earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative and major GPA;
- c. not exceed 20 repeat credits;
- d. earn at least 30 credits from MSU;
- e. earn 27 credits on the East Lansing campus after junior status; and
- f. transfer only 10 of last 30 credits earned.

**If you have additional questions or concerns about the program,  
please contact your academic advisor for support.**



# Political Science World Politics Degree Requirements Checksheet

Student:

Term Start:

PID:

## Integrative Studies and University Requirements

Biological/Physical Science: ISB 2\_\_\_\_ ISP 2\_\_\_\_ ISB or ISP Lab 2\_\_\_\_  
 Arts & Humanities: IAH 2\_\_\_\_ IAH 2\_\_\_\_ (211+)  
 Social Science: ISS 2\_\_\_\_ ISS 3\_\_\_\_  
 Tier I Writing: WRA 1\_\_\_\_ (110-150)  
 Math: MTH \_\_\_\_ (MTH 110, 112, 116, 120, 124, 132, 152H, 201, or STT 200 or 201)

## College and Department Requirements

College of Social Science (15 credits– ANP, CJ, EC, FCE, GEO, HST, PSY, SOC, SW, UP) \*See reverse for approved list of HST and GEO courses.

EC 202 ( ) HST\*\_\_\_\_ ( ) GEO\*\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

College of Arts & Letters (9 credits– AMS, CLA, ENG, HA, LIN, LL, MUS, PHL, REL, ROM, STA, THR, WRA 200+, WS, foreign languages, CEP 341, 441 A+B, 442 A+B)

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College of Natural Science (6 credits– AST, BCH, BS, CEM, ENT, GLG, MMG, MTH, PHY, PLB, PLP, PSL, STT, ZOL , ANP 202, CSE 101, GEO 203, GEO 206, HNF 150, HST 250)

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## Political Science Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>ID</u>
PLS 140	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 160	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 200	_____	<u>M</u>
PLS 201	_____	<u>M</u>
PLS 3____	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 3____	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 3____	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 3____	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 3____	_____	<u>I</u>
PLS 4____W	_____	<u>W</u>

**Students are required to complete 33 credits of PLS coursework; at least five courses in the International Relations/Comparative Politics category.**

American Politics (**A**): PLS 100, PLS 301-334

Political Methods (**M**): PLS 200, 201

Political Philosophy (**P**): PLS 170, PLS 370-377

International Relations/Comparative Politics (**I**): PLS 140, 160, and

Int'l Relations: PLS 342, 362, 363, 364

Comparative Politics: PLS 344, 351, 352, 353, 354, 356, 357, 358

Tier II Writing (**W**): PLS 422, 441

## Electives

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## Other Graduation Requirements

- 120 total credits (123– if MTH 1825 is required)
- Maximum 20 repeat credits
- Minimum 2.0 GPA (cumulative and major)
- Transfer only 10 of last 30 credits
- Minimum 30 credits @ 300/400 level
- Minimum 30 credits taken at MSU
- 27 cr. on EL campus after junior status

