

REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NOTE: These requirements apply **only** to the 4 year Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice.

1. Complete course work in criminal justice technology by choosing one of the following options:

Track	Degree Code	Requirement
Track 1	370001 BST	Complete all requirements for an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from Summit College or a comparably approved institution.
Track 2	370010 BST	Complete a minor in Criminal Justice Technology from Summit College or comparably approved institution.
Track 3	370011 BST	Complete 12 credits of Criminal Justice Technology course work at Summit College or comparably approved institution with a minimum 3.0 gpa.

Students applying for the Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology (Track 1) as well as the B.S. degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice have additional requirements set forth by Summit College and **must** see an advisor in Summit College for advising. **All students should be certain to use the appropriate Degree Code or they will complicate the Graduation process.**

2. The student must complete at least 30 semester credit hours in Political Science, including the following courses:

FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S.
3700:201 Introduction to Political Research
3700:361 Politics of the Criminal Justice System

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE COURSES: (Choose Four)

3700:335 Law and Society
3700:363 Crime, Punishment, Politics: A Comparative Perspective
3700:450 Administering Prisons, Probation, and Parole
3700:480 Policy Problems: Criminal Justice
3700:481 Challenges of Police Work
3700:482 Criminal Justice Topic: Current Issues
3700:483 Constitutional Problems of Criminal Justice

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT:

3700:395 Internship: Government & Politics (Students are required to take a minimum 2 credit internship. No more than 4 credits of internship may be applied toward the 30 credits required in Political Science)

ADVANCED POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES: (Choose Two)

3700:341 The American Congress
3700:350 The American Presidency
3700:360 The Judicial Process
3700:370 Public Administration: Concepts & Practices
3700:402 Politics and the Media
3700:462 Supreme Court and Civil Liberties
3700:474 Political Opinion, Behavior and Electoral Politics
3700:475 American Interest Groups
3700:476 American Political Parties

Student must maintain a 2.2 average overall, and a 2.2 average in Political Science.

3. The student must complete all General Education requirements. (3450:135 Math for Liberal Arts, 3450:145 College Algebra, a higher math or 3470:260 Basic Statistics is required). If a University College or Summit College student pursuing the Associate Degree completes 2020:151, 152, & 153 Elements of Mathematics I, II, III (2.0 crs. ea) prior to transferring to Arts & Sciences, then the students will have met the General Studies mathematics requirement (3.0 credits) and the Arts & Sciences mathematics requirement as well. This applies **ONLY** to those students who choose to do the entire Associate's Degree.
4. Students entering Fall 1994 are required to take eight credits of Natural Science. At least two courses, one of which must be a lab. (Prior to Fall 1994 students were required to take 6 credits. Although a lab chemistry course is preferred, it is not required.) The 2840:100 Basic Chemistry course indicated in the two-year Criminal Justice degree can be counted toward the 8 credits of Natural Science required by General Studies if the student was coded as a Summit College student and was pursuing a bona fide two-year Associate Degree or an established "Step-Up" program of study in which Basic Chemistry is required at the time the course was taken and completed. At least one chemistry course (3150:100, Chemistry and Society, any other 3150 Chemistry course, or the 2840:100 Basic Chemistry course, with the above restrictions) must be included in the Natural Science credits for students receiving the Associate Degree.
5. The student must complete at least 47 credit hours of 300 or 400 level courses **EXCLUDING** General Education courses and workshops.
6. Each student must complete at least 6 hours of course work that will introduce him to a foreign culture. Such courses shall be selected by the student with the approval of his advisor in the Department of Political Science. (See page BS/CJ-3 for a list of approved courses.) Those who wish to work in communities with large Spanish-speaking populations should consider taking one or more years of instruction in the Spanish language; those students interested in foreign affairs, intelligence, and international security should consider taking Arabic.

131 Total Credits Required for 4-Year Degree

Students should be aware that 131 is the minimum number of credit hours required for this degree. Many students exceed this minimum number.

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FOREIGN CULTURE REQUIREMENT – At least 6 credits of course work that will introduce the student to a foreign culture must be completed. Such courses shall be selected by the student with the approval of the adviser in the Department of Political Science. Selected courses may be chosen from the following list or from the Departments of Modern Languages; History; Political Science; Classical Studies, Anthropology, and Archaeology; or Geography with the approval of the adviser.

Political Science (3700)

300Comparative Politics
 311Developing States in World Politics
 321European Politics
 326Politics of Developing Nations
 392Contemporary African Politics
 392Selected Topics*
 405Politics in the Middle East
 445Al Qaeda

Anthropology (3230)

355Indians of South America
 357Magic, Myth, and Religion
 370Cultures of the World

Archaeology (3240)

313Archaeology of Greece
 314Archaeology of Rome

Modern Language (3500)

Any course taken in this Department--please note- if you take 100/200 level courses from this department they will not count toward the 300/400 requirement.
 American Sign Language will not complete this requirement.

History (3400)

301Modern China
 303Modern East Asia
 324Europe from WWI to Present
 325Women in Modern Europe
 336Russia Since 1801
 339England Since 1688
 340Selected Topics*
 341Islamic Fundamentalism and Revolution
 342Crusades Through Arab Eyes
 381History of Canada
 382The Vietnam War
 416Modern India
 476Central America and Caribbean

Geography (3350)

353Latin America
 356Europe
 360Asia
 363Africa South of the Sahara

*Selected Topics courses must be approved by the Department of Political Science.

Many students are required to take additional electives beyond the minimum major requirements and general education courses to reach the necessary number of credits for graduation. To become a more attractive candidate for employment, students should consider adding a minor to their course of study.

Popular Electives for Political Science/Criminal Justice Majors:

Department of Sociology

3850:104 Social Problems
 3850:323 Social Change
 3850:330 Criminology
 3850:429 Probation and Parole
 3850:430 Juvenile Delinquency

Department of Philosophy

3600:120 Intro to Ethics
 3600:170 Intro to Logic
 3600:421 Philosophy of Law

Department of Psychology

3750:100 Intro to Psychology
 3750:340 Social Psychology
 3750:420 Abnormal Psychology

Department of History

3400:358 The American City

Department of Social Work

7750:401 Social Work Practice I

Recommended Minor Degrees

The following minor degrees are recommended using the elective 300/400 level credits; refer to the current Undergraduate Bulletin for the latest requirements.

Minor in Sociology

Requires 3850:100 Introduction to Sociology plus a minimum of 15 additional credits of sociology courses at the 300/400 level.

Minor in American Politics

Requires 3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S. plus 14 additional credits of selected political sciences courses.

Minor in Pre-Law

Requires 3700:100 Government and Politics in the U.S.
 3700:360 The Judicial Process
 3700:461 The Supreme Court and Constitutional Law
 plus 8 additional credits of selected political sciences courses.

Minor in Psychology

Requires 18 semester credits in philosophy including a) at least three semester credits at the introductory level and b) at least six semester credits at the 300/400 level.