

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Political Science

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Selected Educational Outcomes

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Political Science majors will possess the requisite knowledge of the fields of political science, including American Government.

Political science majors will demonstrate the requisite knowledge of the US Constitution and the American political system, including an understanding of the structure and workings of the federal as well as state governments (including Georgia), enabling them to become informed and responsible citizens.

Political science majors will show competence in various methods of political analysis and become capable of conducting and presenting original, empirical political science research.

Political science majors will demonstrate the ability to engage in critical analysis and to communicate research findings to an audience.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

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Mastery of the material in all required and elective courses in the political science major. As each level serves as a foundation for higher levels, mastery of the core material is requisite to mastery of the major. Outcome #1 is met by successful completion of these courses.

Completion of the capstone experience certifies that a major has met outcomes #2, #3, and #4.

Information from published surveys of students' opinions and alumni perceptions of VSU programs and services, as well as information from alumni surveys conducted by the Department of Political Science.

Core Political Science Degree

The following table applies to all Political Science tracks.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		60
Core IMPACTS (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Field of Study		18
PHIL 2020 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%202020)	Principles of Logic and Argumentation	3

POLS 2101 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%202101)	Introduction to Political Science and Introduction to Global Issues	6
& POLS 2401 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%202401)		
Foreign Language and Culture		6
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 1011 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=HIST%201011)	History of Civilization I	
or HIST 1011H (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=HIST%201011H)	Honors History of Civilization I	
AFAM 2020 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=AFAM%202020)	Race, Class, and Gender	
or WGST 2020 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=WGST%202020)	Race, Class, and Gender	
GEOG 1100 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=GEOG%201100)	Introduction to Geography	
GEOG 1102 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=GEOG%201102)	World Regional Geography	
SOCI 1160 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=SOCI%201160)	Introduction to Social Problems	
If a student has taken any of the above courses to meet requirements in other areas of the Core Curriculum, credit hours must be taken from the following list of courses: PHIL 2010 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%202010), all other Social Sciences courses		
Senior College Curriculum		60
Required Courses ¹		15
POLS 3100 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203100)	Scope and Methods of Political Science and Political Science Capstone Course	6
& POLS 4100 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204100)		
POLS 3000 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203000)	Writing in Political Science	3
or ENGL 3030 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%203030)	Writing for the Legal and Social Science Professions	

Select 1 of the following; 3

POLS 3520 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203520>) Introduction to Political Philosophy

PHIL 4120 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%204120>) Ethics and Public Policy

PHIL 4220 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%204220>) Ethics and Public Administration

See track details for completion of degree

Total Hours Required for the all Political Science Programs 120

The grade in each POLS course taken for the major must be a “C” or better.

Political Science Track

Code	Title	Hours
Select 27 hours from the following; at least 12 hours must be in one Concentration Area		
American Government		
POLS 3200 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203200)	American State and Local Government and Politics	
POLS 3210 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203210)	United States Congress	
POLS 3220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203220)	Elections, Voting Behavior, and Political Parties	
POLS 3230 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203230)	Political Psychology	
POLS 3270 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203270)	Public Opinion and Political Socialization	
POLS 3280 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203280)	African American Politics	
POLS 3290 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203290)	The American Presidency	
POLS 4210 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204210)	Separation of Powers in the American Political System	
POLS 4270 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204270)	Southern Politics	

POLS 4700 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700)	Directed Study in Political Science
POLS 4820 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204820)	Special Topics in U.S. Government and Politics
POLS 4900 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204900)	Internship in Political Science
Comparative Politics	
POLS 3300 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203300)	Comparative Politics
POLS 4300 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204300)	European Politics
POLS 4310 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204310)	Politics in Russia
POLS 4320 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204320)	Latin American Politics
POLS 4330 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204330)	African Politics
POLS 4350 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204350)	Politics in Developing Nations
POLS 4370 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204370)	Comparative Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics
POLS 4390 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204390)	Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics of the European Union
POLS 4450 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204450)	Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 4700 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700)	Directed Study in Political Science
POLS 4830 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204830)	Special Topics in Comparative Politics

POLS 4831 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204831>) Special Topics in EU Politics

International Relations

POLS 3400 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203400>) International Relations

POLS 4300 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204300>) European Politics

POLS 4301 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204301>) The European Union

POLS 4400 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204400>) International Organization and Law

POLS 4410 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204410>) American Foreign Policy

POLS 4420 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204420>) Global Security Policy

POLS 4430 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204430>) National Security Administration and Policy

POLS 4440 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204440>) Model United Nations

POLS 4442 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204442>) Model UN II: Negotiation and Diplomacy

POLS 4700 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700>) Directed Study in Political Science

POLS 4831 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204831>) Special Topics in EU Politics

POLS 4840 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204840>) Special Topics in International Politics

Public Law

POLS 3240 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203240>) American Judicial Process and Behavior

POLS 4200 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204200>) American Constitutional Law I

POLS 4202 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204202>) American Constitutional Law II

POLS 4203 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204203>) American Constitutional Law III

POLS 4220 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204220>) Administrative Law and Government

POLS 4240 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204240>) Politics and the Supreme Court

POLS 4250 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204250>) Trial Advocacy

POLS 4251 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204251>) Trial Advocacy II

POLS 4260 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204260>) Alternative Dispute Resolution

POLS 4700 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700>) Directed Study in Political Science

Political Theory

POLS 3520 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203520>) Introduction to Political Philosophy

POLS 3530 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203530>) American Political Thought

POLS 4700 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700>) Directed Study in Political Science

POLS 4850 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204850>) Special Topics in Political Theory

Public Administration

POLS 3600 (<http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203600>) Introduction to Public Administration

POLS 3610 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203610)	Public Administration and Public Policy Formation	
POLS 4430 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204430)	National Security Administration and Policy	
POLS 4450 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204450)	Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy	
POLS 4600 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204600)	Government Organization and Administrative Theory	
POLS 4610 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204610)	Public Personnel Administration	
POLS 4620 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204620)	Public Finance Administration	
POLS 4640 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204640)	Urban Politics and Administration	
POLS 4650 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204650)	Intergovernmental Relations	
POLS 4670 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204670)	Quality Management in Public Administration	
POLS 4700 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204700)	Directed Study in Political Science	
POLS 4860 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204860)	Special Topics in Public Administration	
Minor and/or Elective Courses		21
Must include at least 6 hours of courses numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside of Political Science		
Total hours required for the degree		120

The grade in each POLS course taken for the major must be a "C" or better.

International Studies Track

Code	Title	Hours
International Affairs electives. Select from the following courses:		21
Comparative Politics		
POLS 4300 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204300)	European Politics	

POLS 4301 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204301)	The European Union
POLS 4310 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204310)	Politics in Russia
POLS 4320 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204320)	Latin American Politics
POLS 4330 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204330)	African Politics
POLS 4350 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204350)	Politics in Developing Nations
POLS 4370 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204370)	Comparative Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics
POLS 4390 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204390)	Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics of the European Union
POLS 4830 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204830)	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 4831 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204831)	Special Topics in EU Politics
International Relations	
POLS 4400 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204400)	International Organization and Law
POLS 4410 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204410)	American Foreign Policy
POLS 4420 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204420)	Global Security Policy
POLS 4430 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204430)	National Security Administration and Policy
POLS 4442 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204442)	Model UN II: Negotiation and Diplomacy

POLS 4450 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204450)	Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 4840 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204840)	Special Topics in International Politics
EURO Studies	
EURO 3234 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%203234)	Introduction to the EU
EURO 4130 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204130)	European Union Law and Legal Systems
EURO 4160 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204160)	Federalism and Multilevel Governance in the EU
EURO 4230 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204230)	Doing Business in the EU
EURO 4260 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204260)	European Monetary Union
EURO 4330 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204330)	European Union Science and Technology Policy
EURO 4430 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204430)	European Union Environmental Policy
EURO 4530 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204530)	European Social Policy
EURO 4630 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204630)	Communications and Media in the European Union
EURO 4730 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204730)	European Union Foreign Policy
EURO 4760 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204760)	United States-European Union Relations
EURO 4830 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=EURO%204830)	European Union Studies Capstone Course

POLS 3210 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203210)	United States Congress	
POLS 3220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203220)	Elections, Voting Behavior, and Political Parties	
POLS 3230 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203230)	Political Psychology	
POLS 3270 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203270)	Public Opinion and Political Socialization	
POLS 3290 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203290)	The American Presidency	
Minor and/or Elective Courses		18
Total Hours required for the degree		120

The grade in each POLS course taken for the major must be a "C" or better.

Pre-Law Track

Code	Title	Hours
Select 5 of the following courses:		15
POLS 4200 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204200)	American Constitutional Law I	
POLS 4202 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204202)	American Constitutional Law II	
POLS 4203 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204203)	American Constitutional Law III	
POLS 4220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204220)	Administrative Law and Government	
POLS 4240 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204240)	Politics and the Supreme Court	
POLS 4820 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204820)	Special Topics in U.S. Government and Politics	
Select 5 of the following courses:		15
POLS 3200 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203200)	American State and Local Government and Politics	

POLS 3210 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203210)	United States Congress	
POLS 3220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203220)	Elections, Voting Behavior, and Political Parties	
POLS 3230 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203230)	Political Psychology	
POLS 3270 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203270)	Public Opinion and Political Socialization	
POLS 3280 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203280)	African American Politics	
POLS 3290 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203290)	The American Presidency	
POLS 3530 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203530)	American Political Thought	
POLS 4270 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204270)	Southern Politics	
ORGL 3220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=ORGL%203220)	Business Entities	
ORGL 4280 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=ORGL%204280)	Health Care Law	
Minor and General Electives		18
Total Hours required for the degree		120

The grade in each POLS course taken for the major must be a "C" or better.

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track is an undergraduate-to-graduate degree program. Students in this track will complete up to 9 hours of graduate course work at the 7000 level in Public Administration that will count toward the completion of the B.A. in Political Science. These 9 hours may then be applied toward the completion of degree requirements for the Master of Public Administration degree upon admission to the graduate program at Valdosta State University.

To be admitted to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate degree program, students must complete the following:

- Completed at least 60 credit hours with a minimum grade of B (or course equivalent).
- Acquired a cumulative VSU GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Must submit the following documents to the PADM Program coordinator: the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate track application; a personal statement (not to exceed two pages) describing how the program will assist the student to achieve their goals; a current resume; a writing sample from a VSU ORGL or POLS course to demonstrate writing skills; and two letters of recommendation from VSU Political Science faculty. Faculty recommenders should send the recommendation letters directly to the program coordinator.

Once admitted to the program, a specific course of study will be developed with the student's undergraduate advisor, as the student can take one or more graduate courses to complete the undergraduate degree.

Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate will count toward the student's undergraduate degree requirements but will not count toward the student's undergraduate GPA or the calculation of academic honors.

Upon admission to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students who do not remain in good standing or who do not wish to continue with the track may complete the remaining requirements for the B.A. in Political Science.

Successful completion of the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track requires that the student earn a grade of B or better in all graduate-level coursework. A grade of C earned in a graduate course can still be used for credit toward the undergraduate degree, but such a grade will affect the student's graduate GPA as a grade of C creates one deficiency point at the graduate level.

Students interested in continuing their graduate education must apply for admission to the Master in Public Administration Program in their senior year or upon completion of their undergraduate degree. Students in the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track will not be required to take additional admission tests but must meet all other graduate admission requirements. Students who have completed the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track will complete an additional 27 hours of graduate PADM courses to meet the Master in Public Administration degree requirement of 36 hours.

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		60
Core IMPACTS (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Core Field of Study		18
PHIL 2020 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%202020)	Principles of Logic and Argumentation	3
POLS 2101 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%202101)	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLS 2401 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%202401)	Introduction to Global Issues	3
Foreign Language and Culture		6
If a student has taken any of the above courses to meet requirements in other areas of the Core Curriculum, credit hours must be taken from the following list of courses: PHIL 2010 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%202010), all other Social Science area courses		
Senior College Curriculum		60
Courses Required for the Major		9
POLS 3000 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203000)	Writing in Political Science	
or ENGL 3030 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=ENGL%203030)	Writing for the Legal and Social Science Professions	

POLS 3100 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203100)	Scope and Methods of Political Science	
POLS 4100 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204100)	Political Science Capstone Course	
PADM 7300 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207300)	Foundations Seminar in Public Administration (counts as POLS 3600 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203600))	3
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 3520 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203520)	Introduction to Political Philosophy	
PHIL 4120 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%204120)	Ethics and Public Policy	
PHIL 4220 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%204220)	Ethics and Public Administration	
Select two undergraduate and two graduate courses from the following:		12
POLS 3200 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203200)	American State and Local Government and Politics	
or PADM 7350 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207350)	Intergovernmental Management	
POLS 3610 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%203610)	Public Administration and Public Policy Formation	
or PADM 7600 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207600)	Public Policy Formation	
POLS 4600 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204600)	Government Organization and Administrative Theory	
or PADM 7170 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207170)	Organizational Theory and Behavior	
POLS 4610 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204610)	Public Personnel Administration	
or PADM 7000 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207000)	Human Resource Management	

POLS 4620 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204620)	Public Finance Administration	
or PADM 7140 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207140)	Governmental Budgeting and Finance	
POLS 4865 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=POLS%204865)	Nonprofit Organization Management	
or PADM 7040 (http://catalog.valdosta.edu/archive/2025-2026/search/?P=PADM%207040)	Non-Profit Management	
Select 4 other POLS senior-level undergraduate courses		12
Minor and/or elective courses		21
Total Hours Required for the Degree		120

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