



## BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours of study, at least 60 of which or at least the last two full-time semesters before graduation are at SVU. No more than 9 credit hours will be granted for internship courses.
2. Complete all general education requirements.
3. Complete all requirements of at least one major.
4. Earn a minimum grade point average of 2.00 on all course work taken at the University.
5. Comply with all University standards, regulations, and procedures, from the date of matriculation through the date of final graduation.

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (59 credit hours)

#### Writing and Computer Skills (4)

1. ENG 120 College Composition (3)
2. Advanced Writing: a paper of at least 3000 words that (a) is written for an upper-division Advanced Writing course, (b) satisfies the style standard in the course's discipline, and (c) accounts for the comments of the instructor

#### Foreign Language (14)

1. Semesters I-IV of a foreign language (14) (may be partly or wholly waived for student demonstrating comparable second language abilities)

#### Cultural Heritage (18)

1. Each of the following (9 credit hours):  
LIB 110 Reason and the Self  
LIB 120 America and the Enlightenment  
LIB 130 Classics of Western Literature
2. One member of either of the following pairs (3 credit hours):  
ART 210 & 215 Art History  
MUS 210 & THE 215 Music & Theatre History
3. HIS 210 & 215 Western Civilization I & II  
POL 213 Western Political Thought
3. LIB 490 Contemporary Issues (2) (Sr. Seminar)

#### Natural Sciences and Mathematics (10)

1. One general education physical science course from chemistry or physics (3-4)
2. One general education life science course from biology (3-4)
3. One of the general education physical or life science courses must have a laboratory component.
4. One general education mathematics course (or PHI 223 Introduction to Logic: see course description) (3)

#### Skills for Life (6)

1. SER 103
2. Three PER physical activity courses (3)
3. PER 143 Health & Wellness (1)
4. CSC103 Technology Tools (1)

#### Electives (6)

1. Social Sciences (3 credit hours):  
ECN 210 Principles of Microeconomics (3)  
ECN 215 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)  
EDU 250 Human Growth and Development (3)  
FCD 210 Marriage and Family (3)  
FCD 250 Child and Adolescent Development (3)  
GOV 227 Family Social Policy and Law (3)  
PSY 201 General Psychology I (3)

#### 2. Fine Arts (3 credit hours):

- ART 113 Introduction to Studio Art (3)
- ART 120 Introduction to Drawing (3)
- ART 130 Introduction to Painting (3)
- ART 223 Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- MUS 108 Music Fundamentals (3)
- MUS 129R Group Voice Instruction (3)
- MUS 151 Music Theory I (3)
- MUS 167 Conducting Fundamentals (3)
- THE 106 Stagecraft (3)
- THE 110 Acting I (3)

### POLITICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (29-30 credit hours)

Politics, broadly understood, is the study of power in human societies: how it is established, how it changes, and how it may be evaluated. On the one hand politics attempts to understand—to explain and to interpret—phenomena such as political upheaval and stability, democracy and dictatorship, economic prosperity and deprivation. On the other hand, the study of politics also seeks to find possible justifications for political authority, and to evaluate the ends for which political power is used and the means through which it is exercised. In short, the study of politics is concerned not only with the way the social world is, but also how it might be improved.

The Politics major and minor at Southern Virginia University are designed to be extensions of the core liberal arts curriculum. For this reason, the Politics program is intended not only for those who want to pursue a political or legal vocation; the program aims to provide not job-specific training but rather the knowledge and intellectual skills necessary for the responsible exercise of civic freedom. As part of a liberal arts education, however, the Politics program trains students in the skills of thinking and expression which are valuable in a wide range of occupations. In the Politics program, students will have the opportunity to think about political concepts such as justice, authority and freedom with thinkers from Plato and Aristotle to Hobbes and Kant; to understand classic and contemporary views of the American democratic project; and to grapple with contemporary issues in world politics such as the prospects for global democratization, the challenges of economic development, and the causes and consequences of war and political violence.

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#### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (29-30 CREDIT HOURS)

##### Core (11-12):

- ENC 210 Principles of Microeconomics (GE) (3)
- POL 213 Western Political Thought (GE) (3)
- POL 223 American Government and Politics (GE) (3)
- POL 498 Senior Paper (2-3)

##### Electives I (3 credit hours from among the following):

- POL 333 Comparative Politics
- POL 335R Topics in Comparative Politics

##### Electives II (an additional 15 credit hours from among the following):

- ECN 215 Principles of Macroeconomics (GE) (3)
- ECN 310 Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
- MAT 221 Statistics (3)
- POL 315R Topics in Political Theory (3)
- POL 325R Topics in American Politics (3)
- POL 333 Comparative Politics (3)
- POL 335R Topics in Comparative Politics (3)
- POL 345R Topics in International Relations (3)
- POL 363 American Constitutional Law (3)
- POL 365R Topics in Law and Public Policy (3)
- POL 367 American Judicial Process (3)
- POL 375R Topics in Politics (3)
- POL 385R Directed Study in Politics (1-3)
- POL 399 Internship/Practicum in Politics (1-3)
- POL 475R Topics in Politics (1-3)
- POL 499 Internship/Practicum in Politics (1-3)

