



## BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### THE STUDENT MUST DO THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

1. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS OF STUDY, AT LEAST 60 OF WHICH OR AT LEAST THE LAST 30 CREDITS BEFORE GRADUATION ARE AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA. NO MORE THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS WILL BE GRANTED FOR INTERNSHIP COURSES.
2. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA CORE.
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.

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## POLITICS

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS  
(32 credit hours)

The study of 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, political science 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 consequence of war and political violence.

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### Major Requirements (29–30 credit hours)

#### Major Core (14 credit hours)

ECN 210 Principles of Microeconomics (GE) (3)  
POL 210 Western Political Heritage I (GE) (3)\*  
POL 215 Western Political Heritage II (GE) (3)\*  
POL 223 American Government and Politics (GE) (3)  
POL 497 Research Methods for Senior Paper in Politics (1)  
POL 498 Senior Paper (1)

#### Major Electives I: 3 credit hours from among the following:

POL 233 Comparative Politics (GE) (3)  
POL 335R Topics in Comparative Politics (3)

#### Major 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 (GE) (3)  
PHI 350 Political Philosophy (3)  
POL 233 Comparative Politics (GE) (3)  
POL 315R Topics in Political Theory (3)  
POL 325R Topics in American Politics (3)  
POL 335R Topics in Comparative Politics (3)  
POL 345R Topics in International Relations (3)  
POL 363 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)

\*POL 210 or POL 215 will not need to be completed if student has successfully completed POL 213, Western Political Theory (3).

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