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POLITICAL SCIENCE

120 CREDITS

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1st Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 120	U.S. Politics: Principles & Citizenship	3
Choose one sequence: HIST 110 and **HIST 111; HIST 120** and **HIST 121; HIST 125** and **HIST 126; HIST 130** and **HIST 131; HIST 132** and **HIST 133;** or **HIST 238** and **HIST 239**		3
PS 110	Scranton and the World	3
WRTG 107	Composition	3
T/RS 121	Theology I: Introduction to the Bible	3
First Year Seminar		0
		Total Credits: **15**

1st Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 121	U.S. Politics: Institutions & Policy	3
Choose one sequence: HIST 110 and **HIST 111; HIST 120** and **HIST 121; HIST 125** and **HIST 126; HIST 130** and **HIST 131; HIST 132** and **HIST 133;** or **HIST 238** and **HIST 239**		3
ELECT	Free Electives	6
PHIL 120	Introduction to Philosophy	3
		Total Credits: **15**

2nd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 212	International Relations	3
PS 210	Political Science Research	3
FREE ELECT	Free Elective	3
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
PHIL 210	Ethics	3
		Total Credits: **15**

2nd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 217	Comparative Government	3
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	6
HUMN ELECT	Humanities Elective	3
T/RS 122	Theology II: Introduction to Christian Theology	3
		Total Credits: **15**

3rd Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 313	Classical Political Ideas or **PS 314** Modern Political Ideas	3
PS ELECT	Political Science Elective	3
NSCI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	6
		Total Credits: **15**

3rd Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 313	Classical Political Ideas or **PS 314** Modern Political Ideas	3
PS ELECT	Political Science Elective	3
NSCI ELECT	Natural Science Elective	3
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	6
		Total Credits: **15**

4th Year: FALL

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS ELECT	Political Science Electives	6
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	9
		Total Credits: **15**

4th Year: SPRING

COURSE#	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS ELECT	Political Science Electives	6
FREE ELECT	Free Electives	9
		Total Credits: **15**

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