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**NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences  
**Political Science - Pre-Law Option**

T = Transfer Credit  
IP = Course is 'In Progress'

Fall 2012

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| General Education Requirements - 40 Credits Required   |                  |                                   |                |       | Political Science Major Requirements - 64-65 Credits Required  |                         |   |         |       |
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| Course   | Number           | Course Title                      | Credits        | Grade | Course   | Number                  | Course Title  | Credits | Grade |
| First Year Experience (F)  |                  |                                   | 1 Sem Credit   |       | <b>Pre-Professional Criteria:</b> Must complete 12 credits in the following Political Science courses with an average GPA of 3.00. See page two for professional program application procedures and additional program requirements. |                         |   |         |       |
| UNIV   | 189 <sup>1</sup> | Skills for Academic Success       | 1              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| Communication (C)  |                  |                                   | 12 Sem Credits |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| ENGL   | 110              | College Composition I             | 3              |       | <b>Pre-Professional Core Requirements: 12 Credits</b>  |                         |   |         |       |
| ENGL   | 120              | College Composition II            | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| COMM   | 110              | Fund of Public Speaking           | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| ENGL   | 320              | Busn & Professional Writing       | 3              |       | POLS   | 110 or 115              | Intro to Political Science or American Government                   | 3       |       |
| Quantitative Reasoning (R)   |                  |                                   | 3 Sem Credits  |       | POLS   | 220 or 225              | International Politics or Comparative Politics                      | 3       |       |
| STAT   | 330              | Introductory Statistics           | 3              |       | POLS   | 240                     | Political Ideologies  | 3       |       |
| Science & Technology (S)   |                  |                                   | 10 Sem Credits |       | POLS   | 100 or 200 level        | (POLS 230 is recommended)   | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | <b>Professional Political Science Requirements - 52 Total Credits Required</b><br>Professional courses will require a minimum 3.0 GPA.<br>See page two for additional program requirements.  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  | Co-Req Lab Requirement            | 1              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| Humanities & Fine Arts (A)   |                  |                                   | 6 Sem Credits  |       | <b>Professional Core Political Science Requirements - 19 Cr. Required</b>  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences (B)   |                  |                                   | 6 Sem Credits  |       | POLS   | 230                     | Judicial Process  | 3       |       |
| POLS   | 110 or 115       |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 325                     | Applied Research Methods  | 4       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 430                     | Constitutional Law - Civil Liberties                                | 3       |       |
| Wellness (W)   |                  |                                   | 2 Sem Credits  |       | POLS   | 431                     | Constitutional Law - Criminal Justice                               | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 2              |       | POLS   | 444 or 499 <sup>#</sup> | International Law or Special Topics: International Law <sup>#</sup> | 3       |       |
| Cultural Diversity (D)   |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 489                     | Seminar   | 3       |       |
| Global Perspectives (G)  |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>Additional Political Science Program Requirements - 33-34 Total Credits Required</b><br>Complete requirements as indicated from each of the professional areas listed below for the Pre-Law Option (I, II & III)                  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| <b>AH&amp;SS College Requirement - 12 Credits Required</b>   |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>I. One 400 level course in each of the following areas: 9 credits required</b>  |                         |   |         |       |
| A minimum of 3 credits is required in each of the FOUR following areas for a total of 12 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area.  |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>Area 1:</b>   |                         |   |         |       |
| <b>Area One: Humanities</b><br>(ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS*)   |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 420                     | Political Behavior-Exec-Legislative Process                         | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 421                     | Political Behavior-Political Parties                                | 3       |       |
| <b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b><br>(ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC or WGS*)  |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 422                     | State and Local Politics  | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 499                     | Issues in Public Policy   | 3       |       |
| <b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b><br>(ART, MUSC or THEA)  |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>Area 2:</b>   |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 442                     | Global Policy Issues  | 3       |       |
| <b>Area Four: Outside Student's Major</b><br>Three credits from Area 1, 2 or 3 that is outside the student's major area (i.e. If your major is COMM, the course to fulfill this area cannot be ANTH, CJ, EMGT, POLS, or SOC) |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 445                     | Ethnic Conflict   | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   | 3              |       | POLS   | 453                     | Environmental Policy and Politics                                   | 3       |       |
| *Each WGS class can be used in one area only; multiple WGS classes can be used in multiple areas.  |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 444 or 499*             | International Law or Special Topics: International Law*             | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>Area 3:</b>   |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 442                     | Global Policy Issues  | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 450                     | Politics of Developing Countries                                    | 3       |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       | POLS   | 451                     | Politics of Industrialized Countries                                | 3       |       |
| POLS   | 452              | Comparative Political Economy     | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| POLS   | 453              | Environmental Policy and Politics | 3              |       |  |                         |   |         |       |
| Requirements for II. Communication Component & III. Law Related Courses are located on page two of guide.  |                  |                                   |                |       | Additional program notes also located on page two.   |                         |   |         |       |
|  |                  |                                   |                |       | <b>Total Credits Required for Graduation:</b>  |                         |   |         |       |

<sup>1</sup>Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.

| II. Communication Component - 10 credits required                                 |                |  |         |       | Additional Program Notes  |  |
|---|----------------|--|---------|-------|---|--|
| Course  | Number         | Course Title   | Credits | Grade |   |  |
| COMM  | 150            | Forensic Practice  | 1       |       | # A single International Law course satisfies either a core requirement or an Area 2 requirement, but not both.<br>** COMM 110 required as prerequisite<br>*** ACCT 201 required as prerequisite<br>**** Must be at least junior standing and have a 2.50 GPA<br>***** BUSN 431 required as prerequisite and must have a 2.50 GPA |  |
| COMM  | 214** or 308** | Persuasive Speaking or Business & Professional Speaking      | 3       |       |   |  |
| COMM  | 318** or 383** | Argumentation and Advocacy or Organizational Communication I | 3       |       |   |  |
| ENGL  | 358            | Writing in the Humanities & Social Sciences                  | 3       |       |   |  |
| <b>III. Law Related Courses - 14-15 credits (Choose any 5 of the following)</b>   |                |  |         |       |   |  |
| Course  | Number         | Course Title   | Credits | Grade |   |  |
| ACCT  | 410***         | Fraud Examination  | 3       |       | All courses listed on this curriculum guide are required for the major.   |  |
| BUSN  | 430            | Legal & Social Environment of Business                       | 3       |       |   |  |
| BUSN  | 431****        | Business Law I   | 3       |       |   |  |
| BUSN  | 432*****       | Business Law II  | 3       |       |   |  |
| CJ  | 201            | Intro to Criminal Justice                                    | 3       |       |   |  |
| CJ  | 230            | Criminology & Criminal Law                                   | 3       |       |   |  |
| CJ  | 330            | Criminal Law and Procedure                                   | 2       |       |   |  |
| COMM  | 433            | Legal Communication  | 3       |       |   |  |
| COMM  | 434            | Communication Law  | 3       |       |   |  |
| <b>Additional Electives - Up to 9 Credits to Reach 122 Credits for Graduation</b> |                |  |         |       |   |  |
| Course  | Number         | Course Title   | Credits | Grade |   |  |
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| <b>Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree</b><br>Minor Required<br><br>Minor: _____   |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree</b><br>Foreign Language Required<br>Proficiency at second year level:<br><br>_____<br>Language   |
| <b>Graduation Requirements for All Student:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum credits required to graduate = 122</li> <li>• Cumulative Grade Point Average = 2.00</li> <li>• 37 credits of 300-400 level coursework required</li> <li>• Last 30 credits earned in residency at NDSU</li> </ul>                                      |
| <b>Transfer Student Graduation Requirements (in addition to those listed for all students):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 60 credits at a 4-year institution</li> </ul> Of the 60:     36 must be NDSU residency credits<br>Of the 36:     15 credits must be at the 300-400 level<br>15 credits must be in the chosen major |

| Political Science Professional Program Application Procedure and Minimum Program Requirements   |
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| The application for Political Science will be available online through the political science department website (www.ndsu.edu/cjps/) or in paper format at the main office - Criminal Justice & Public Policy Building, room 106.   |
| 1. The department will review applications on a rolling basis. Student must apply to be a major or minor no later than the first day of classes of the semester in which they intend to graduate.   |
| 2. To apply, a student must have completed a minimum of 36 credit hours upon application and achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the pre-political science courses and 2.75 in all NDSU coursework.   |
| 3. Once admitted to the professional political science program, failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the professional political science courses and a cumulative 2.75 in all coursework will result in an academic warning issued from the department for the first violation. Students will receive notification of this warning at their NDSU email address. Failure to return to these minimum standards will result in being administratively removed from the program. |
| 4. Internal and external transfer students will be handled similiarly to students who commence their studies in the pre-professional program.   |
| 5. Students who entered the University and declared political science as their major prior to fall 2012 will be grandfathered into the program and will <u>not</u> be subject to these guidelines.  |
| 6. These guidelines apply for all majors and minors of political science.   |