

**BEREA COLLEGE**  
**2009 – 2010 CURRICULUM GUIDE (as of 10/28/09)**  
**B.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**NOTE:** This guide is subject to change and represents actions approved by Faculty to date. Please refer often to the 2009-2010 Online Catalog & Student Handbook ([www.berea.edu/cataloghandbook](http://www.berea.edu/cataloghandbook)), which will be updated with the most current information.

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Core Courses**

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Credit</u>
MAT 010: Prealgebra <sup>a</sup>	_____	NC
MAT 011: Elementary Algebra I <sup>a</sup>	_____	NC
MAT 012: Elementary Algebra II <sup>a</sup>	_____	NC
GSTR 110: Writing Sem. I: Critical Thinking in the Liberal Arts	_____	1
GSTR 210: Writing Sem. II: Identity and Diversity in the United States	_____	1
GSTR 310: Understandings of Christianity	_____	1
GSTR 332: Scientific Knowledge & Inquiry	_____	1
GSTR 410: Sr. Sem. in Cont. Global Issues	_____	1

**Lifetime Health & Fitness: PEH 100 & Phys. Activity**

PEH 100: Introduction to Lifetime Wellness	_____	.50
<i>(if swimming proficiency test not passed, one of next two courses must be PED 200)</i>		
PED 2_____:	_____	.25
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**Practical Reasoning Across the Curriculum (PR & PRQ)\***

Two courses—at least one firmly grounded in math or statistics (PRQ); the other can be an approved practical reasoning (PR) course or another PRQ course. **(MAT 104, which meets the PRQ requirement, is a prerequisite for PSC 335 in the major.)**

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**Perspectives—Six Areas Required\***

Students will satisfy each of the six Perspective areas by taking or waiving a course, or through an approved experience. Individual courses may be approved to satisfy more than one Perspective, but no single course may satisfy more than two Perspective areas.

1. Arts \_\_\_\_\_
2. Social Science \_\_\_\_\_
3. Western History \_\_\_\_\_
4. Religion \_\_\_\_\_
5. Afr. Amer., Appal., Women's \_\_\_\_\_
6. International (two courses either in area 6A or area 6B):
  - A) Same Non-English Language \_\_\_\_\_
  - Same Non-English Language \_\_\_\_\_
  - (one course may be waived by placement exam)

**OR**

- B) World Culture (Non-western) \_\_\_\_\_
- World Culture (Western/non-western) \_\_\_\_\_

**Active Learning Experience (ALE)**

An approved experience, taken for credit or as noncredit.

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**Writing Competency Requirement (thru Spring 2009)**

**(NOTE: Required for students entering in/before Spring 2009—not required for those entering in/after Fall 2009)**

Students may satisfy this requirement by passing the Writing Competency Examination administered in Fall and Spring, or by successfully completing GST 150: College Composition or ENG 104: Advanced ESL.

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<sup>a</sup> May be waived on basis of test scores.

**MAJOR COURSES**

**Core Courses**

	<u>Term</u>	<u>Credit</u>
PSC 100: Intro. to Study of Politics	_____	1
PSC 110: American Government	_____	1
PSC 220: Comparative Political Systems	_____	1
PSC 235: Research Methods <sup>b</sup>	_____	1
PSC 250: International Relations	_____	1

**Capstone Course**

PSC 480: Senior Research Seminar <sup>c</sup>	_____	1
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**Distribution Courses (Required; count inside the major)**

A minimum of four additional 200 or higher level PSC course credits, excluding Short Term courses, as follows:

One (1) course credit with some aspect of American Government, chosen from: PSC 314, 317, 322, or 330:  
 PSC \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ 1

One (1) course credit with some aspect of international relations and/or comparative governments, chosen from:  
 PSC 351, 352, or 355:  
 PSC \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ 1

And two (2) additional non-Short Term PSC course credits at the 200 or higher level:

PSC _____:	_____	1
PSC _____:	_____	1

**SHORT TERMS**

<u>Dept. &amp; No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Credit</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**ELECTIVES (count in 21 credits outside the major, unless course is in PSC rubric)**

<u>Dept. &amp; No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Credit</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Admission Requirements:** In most cases, students should have completed at least one (preferably more than one) course in the major, with at least a 2.0 GPA in Political Science courses.

<sup>b</sup> Has prerequisite of MAT 104.

<sup>c</sup> In PSC 480, students must demonstrate advanced oral and written communication skills by completing a major research paper and discussing and presenting it to the satisfaction of the departmental faculty.