BEREA COLLEGE
2010 – 2011 CURRICULUM GUIDE (as of 8/21/10)

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 *2010-2011 Online Catalog & Student Handbook (www.berea.edu/cataloghandbook),* which will be updated with the most current information.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

NOTE: No single college course transferred into Berea can meet more than one General Education requirement.

Core Courses	Term	Credit
MAT 010: Prealgebra[a]	_____	NC
MAT 011: Elementary Algebra I[a]	_____	NC
MAT 012: Elementary Algebra II[a]	_____	NC
GSTR 110: Writing Sem. I: Critical Thinking in the Liberal Arts[b]	_____	___
GSTR 210: Writing Sem. II: Identity and Diversity in the United States	_____	1
GSTR 310: Understandings of Christianity	_____	1
GSTR 410: Sr. Sem. in Cont. Global Issues	_____	1

Scientific Knowledge and Inquiry

GSTR 332: Scientific Knowledge & Inquiry	_____	___

OR

Two approved science courses, one of which must be an approved lab course. At this time, only the following courses have been approved to meet this alternative (all of which meet the lab course stipulation): ANR 110, 130, BIO 100, BIO 101, 110, CHM 113, 131, 134, PHY 111, 217, or 315

_____ ____: _____	_____	___
_____ ____: _____	_____	___

Lifetime Health & Fitness: PEH 100 & Phys. Activity

PEH 100: Introduction to Lifetime Wellness	_____	.50
(if swimming proficiency test not passed, take PED 200)		
PED 2___: _____	_____	.25
PED 2___: _____	_____	.25

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.)**

_____ ____: _____	_____	1
_____ ____: _____	_____	1

Perspectives—Six Areas Required

Students will satisfy each of the six 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.

_____ ____: _____	_____	_____

MAJOR COURSES

Core Courses	Term	Credit
PSC 100: Intro. to Study of Politics	_____	1
PSC 110: American Government	_____	1
PSC 220: Comparative Political Systems	_____	1
PSC 235: Research Methods[c]	_____	1
PSC 250: International Relations	_____	1

Capstone Course

PSC 480: Senior Research Seminar[d]	_____	1

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

ELECTIVES (count in 20 credits outside the major, unless course is in PSC rubric)

Dept. & No.	Title	Term	Credit
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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 PSC courses.

[a] May be waived on basis of test scores.

[b] Transfer students might waive GSTR 110 if they took College Composition as a degree-seeking student at another college AND earned a grade of B or higher.

[c] Has prerequisite of MAT 104.

[d] 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.