Political Science

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose Political Science?

Political Science as an academic discipline historically developed from the interrelationships between political science and law. Today, political science is multi-disciplinary in both substance and methodology and borrows heavily from economics, sociology, psychology, business administration, social work and criminal justice. In this major you will take coursework in these related disciplines.

As a leading career-oriented institution, Ferris offers you valuable training not found elsewhere. Because of our strong technical programs, you can broaden your academic credentials to include coursework and training in numerous technological fields. The Political Science program at Ferris combines for you multi-disciplinary scholarship with practical training in government, business and technology.

Career Opportunities

Are you concerned with improving the quality of life in your local community, the state of Michigan, the nation? Do you like to work with people? A political science degree will open numerous career paths for you to make a difference.

As a graduate of Ferris with a bachelor of science degree in Political Science, you will have developed the intellectual and practical skills to find entry-level employment in federal, state, regional, and local governmental agencies. Numerous positions exist in the private sector for persons knowledgeable about government policy and procedures. Nonprofit community and social service organizations also will find your credentials appealing.

As a Ferris graduate, you will have the scholarly training necessary to enter graduate and professional programs in Political Science, public administration, the social sciences, management, public policy, social work, criminal justice, law or technology.

Admission Requirements

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose with educational backgrounds appropriate to their chosen program of study. High school courses and grade point average, ACT/SAT16 composite score, and ACT/SAT16 reading and mathematics subscores will be considered in the admission and placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT/SAT16 scores for
General Education Requirements

This degree requires completion of the General Education requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree. Details of these requirements are delineated on the General Education website.

All University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/requirements/BA-BS.htm

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/general-education/courses/index.htm

Consult the official checksheet or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

Graduation Requirements

The Political Science program at Ferris leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA and a minimum of 120 credits. Students must complete all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

More Information

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