

B.A. Political Science

Students in the program enter law school after completing their third year of undergraduate study. Students' first year of law school will complete the final 30 hours of the undergraduate program. Listed are the requirements for the Nelson Wolff Early Law Admission with a B.A. in Political Science.

St. Mary's University Core ¹

SMC 1301	Foundations of Civilization	3
SMC 1311	Foundations of Reflection:Self	3
SMC 1312	Foundations of Reflection: Nature	3
SMC 1313	Foundations of Reflection: Others	3
SMC 1314	Foundations of Reflection: God	3
SMC 2301	Foundations of Practice: Ethics	3
SMC 2302	Foundations of Practice: Civic Engagement and Social Action	3
SMC 2303	Foundations of Practice:Fine Arts and Creative Process	3
SMC 2304	Foundations of Practice: Literature	3
SMC 4301	Capstone Seminar: Prospects for Community & Civilization	3

School of Humanities and Social Sciences School Specific Core

Speech		3
CM 1341	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	
CM 2333	Business and Professional Communication	

Select one of the following:

Rhetoric & Composition ²		3
EN 1311	Rhetoric and Composition	

Mathematics		3
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Select one of the following:

MT 1301	Mathematical Logic for the Humanities	
MT 1302	Mathematical Topics in the Social Sciences	
MT 1303	College Algebra (Recommended)	
MT 1305	Finite Mathematics	
MT 1306	Calculus for Business	
MT 1411	Precalculus	
MT 2412	Calculus I	

Foreign Languages		6
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Select one of the following:

6 hours at the sophomore level (2311, 2312) in a Foreign Language previously studied for a minimum of one year		
6 hours of introductory level (1311, 1312) in a Foreign Language not previously studied		
12 hours of CLEP/AP credit		

History		3
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Any HS courses		
BA 1310	Fundamentals of Business Enterprise	
CJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CJ 3300	Adjudication of Social Issues	
EC 2301	Introductory Macroeconomic Theory	
EC 2303	Introductory Microeconomic Theory	
MN 3330	Organizational Behavior	
PS 1301	General Psychology	
PS 3386	Human Factors	
SC 1311	Introductory Sociology	
SC 3321	Social Issues	
HU 3300	Perspectives and Themes in History, Philosophy and/or Theology	
HU 3303	Perspectives and Themes in Social Science	

Science		3
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Select one of the following:

BL 1301	General Biology for Non-Majors	
BL 1302	General Biology for Non-Majors	
BL 3311	Food & Nutrition I	
BL 3312	Food & Nutrition II	
CH 1303	Preparatory Chemistry	
CH 1304	Chem Concepts & Applications	
CH 1401	General Chemistry I	
CH 1402	General Chemistry II	
ES 1300	General Geology	
ES 1303	Geology of Earth Resources	
ES 1304	Geology of Energy Resources	
ES 1373	Intro. Environmental Science	
PY 1300	Physics Concepts & Application	
PY 1310	Modern Astronomy	
PY 1401	General Physics I	
PY 1402	General Physics II	

Theology 3

Select one of the following:

Advanced Theology TH 33XX/43XX		
HU 3300	Perspectives and Themes in History, Philosophy and/or Theology	

Fine Arts 3

Select one course from AR, DM, MU

Literature 3

Select any EN 23XX literature course

Political Science Major Courses

PO 1311	American National Government	3
PO 1312	Texas State & Local Government ³	3
PO 2310	Political Research Methodology	3
PO 2311	Applied Research Methods	3
PO 5301	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3

Select one of the following in American Politics & Political Behavior: 3

PO 3300	Topics in American, State or Local Politics	
PO 3301	The Nat'l Executive	
PO 3302	The Legislative Process	
PO 3303	Amer Political Parties&Interes	
PO 3304		
PO 3310	Topics in Political Behavior	
PO 3311		
PO 3312	US Latino Politics	
PO 3313	Ethnicity, Race, and Class	
PO 3314	Religion and Politics	
PO 3315	Pol Comm, Media & Elections	
PO 3316	Gender Politics	
PO 3317	American Thought and Culture	

Select one of the following in Public Administration and Public Law: 3

PO 3320	Topics in Public Policy	
PO 3321	Public Administration	
PO 3322	Public Policy Analysis	
PO 3323	Urban Politics	
PO 3324	The Post Modern City	
PO 3325	Intro to Organizational Leader	

PO 3330	Topics in Law	
PO 3331	Judicial Politics & Law	
PO 4325	Business, Government & Public	
PO 4332	Institutional Powers, Fundamental Rights & Law	
PO 4333	Civil Rights, Civil Liberties & Law	
Select one of the following in Political Theory:		3
PO 3340	Topics in Political Thought	
PO 3341	Classical Political Thought	
PO 3342	Early Modern Political Thought	
PO 3343	20th Century Political Thought	
PO 3344	American Political Thought	
Select one of the following in Comparative/International Politics:		3
PO 3360	Topics in Intl/Comp Politics	
PO 3361	International Relations Theory	
PO 3362	European Politics	
PO 3363	Latin American Politics	
PO 3364	Middle Eastern Politics	
PO 3365	Nations in Transition	
PO 3366	Asian Politics	
PO 3367	African Politics	
PO 4368	International Political Economy	
PO 4369	World Security Problems	
PO 4370	US Foreign Policy	
Select two Political Science Electives from the following:		6
PO 3300	Topics in American, State or Local Politics	
PO 3301	The Nat'l Executive	
PO 3302	The Legislative Process	
PO 3303	Amer Political Parties&Interes	
PO 3304		
PO 3310	Topics in Political Behavior	
PO 3311		
PO 3312	US Latino Politics	
PO 3313	Ethnicity, Race, and Class	
PO 3314	Religion and Politics	
PO 3315	Pol Comm, Media & Elections	
PO 3316	Gender Politics	
PO 3317	American Thought and Culture	
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PO 3366	Asian Politics	
PO 3367	African Politics	
PO 4325	Business, Government & Public	
PO 4332	Institutional Powers, Fundamental Rights & Law	
PO 4333	Civil Rights, Civil Liberties & Law	
PO 4368	International Political Economy	
PO 4369	World Security Problems	
PO 4370	US Foreign Policy	

Law Courses

LW 6201	Legal Research & Writing I	2
LW 6280	Property II	2
LW 6275	Torts II	2
LW 6311	Property I	3
LW 6341	Criminal Law	3
LW 6375	Torts I	3
LW 6440	Constitutional Law	4
LW 6477	Federal Civil Procedure I	4
LW 6601	Legal Research & Writing II	2
LW 6641	Contracts II	2
LW 6741	Contracts I	3

Proficiency in Information Technology and Information Literacy

For this major, this requirement will be fulfilled by successfully completing PO 2310 and PO 2311.

Total Semester Hours 123

- 1 All St. Mary's Core SM13XX "Reflection" courses must be completed before registering for SMC 23XX "Practice" courses.
- 2 Grade of "C" or better is required. International students may be required to take EN 1313 to fulfill this requirement.
- 3 PO 1314 may be substituted by permission of department chairperson.

This is a recommended degree plan subject to changes. Please meet with your adviser on a regular basis.

First Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
SMC 13XX	3 SMC 13XX	3
SMC 13XX	3 Foreign Language	3
EN 1311	3 Mathematics	3
Foreign Language	3 Speech	3
PO 1311	3 PO 1312	3
ND 0101	0	
	15	15

Second Year

Fall	Semester Spring Hours	Semester Hours
SMC 13XX	3 SMC 23XX	3
SMC 13XX	3 SMC 23XX	3
Science	3 History/Social Science	3
Advanced Theology	3 PO 2311	3
PO 2310	3 Political Theory	3

Comparative/International Politics	3	
	18	15

Third Year

Fall	Semester Hours	Spring Hours	Semester Hours
SMC 23XX	3	SMC 4301	3
SMC 23XX	3	Literature	3
PO 5301	3	Fine Arts	3
Public Administration and Public Law	3	American Politics and Political Behavior	3
Political Science Elective	3	Political Science Elective	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Semester Hours	Spring Hours	Semester Hours
LW 6311	3	LW 6280	2
LW 6477	4	LW 6641	2
LW 6741	3	LW 6275	2
LW 6375	3	LW 6440	4
LW 6201	2	LW 6341	3
		LW 6601	2
	15		15

Total Semester Hours 123