# Degree Programs - Undergraduate

## Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

The B.A. is offered in the following areas:

•     Africana Studies

•     Anthropology

•     Art (Studio) *with* *concentrations in*

•     Ceramics

•     Digital Media

•     Graphic Design

•     Metalsmithing and Jewelry

•     Painting

•     Photography

•     Printmaking

•     Sculpture

•     Art History

•     Chemistry

•     Communication *with concentrations in*

•     Media Communication & Advertising

•     Speech, Language, and Hearing Science

•     Computer Science

•     Dance Performance

•     Economics

•     Elementary Education *with teaching concentration in*

•     Middle Level General Science

•     Middle Level Mathematics

•     Elementary Education *with content majors in*

•     English *(Admission currently suspended)*

•     Multidisciplinary Studies *(Admission currently suspended)*

•     Social Studies *(Admission currently suspended)*

•     English

•     English *with concentration in*

•     Creative Writing

•     Professional Writing

•     Environmental Studies

•     Film Studies

•     Gender and Women’s Studies

•     Global Studies

•     History

•     Justice Studies

•     Liberal Studies

•     Mathematics

•     Modern Languages *with concentrations in*

•     Francophone Studies

•     French

•     Latin American Studies

•     Portuguese

•     Spanish

•     Music

•     Philosophy

•     Philosophy

•     Political Science

•     Psychology

•     Public Administration

•     Public Policy

•     Secondary Education *with majors in*

•     English

•     General Science

•     History

•     Mathematics

•     Social Studies *with concentrations in*

•     Anthropology/Sociology

•     Geography

•     Global Studies

•     Political Science

•     Sociology

•     Strategic Communication

•     Theatre *with concentrations in*

•     Design/Technical

•     General Theatre

•     Musical Theatre

•     Performance

•     World Languages Education *with concentrations in*

•     French

•     Portuguese

•     Spanish

•     Youth Development

Minors are available in *all* of the full-degree programs above, except elementary education, youth development, strategic communication, public administration, and public policy. Minors are also offered in behavioral neuroscience, creative writing, Francophone studies, French, gerontology, international nongovernmental organizations studies, Italian, jazz studies, Latin American studies, Portuguese, public history, rhetoric and writing and Spanish.

Programs leading to eligibility for certification in bilingual-bicultural education, middle level education and secondary special education are also available.

Professional preparation programs are offered in pre-dental, pre-law, premedical and pre-optometry.

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| Modern Languages (p. ) | B.A. | Francophone Studies |
|  | B.A. | French |
|  | B.A. | Latin American Studies |
|  | B.A. | Portuguese |
|  | B.A. | Spanish |
| Music (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Music\* (p. ) | B.M. | Music Education |
|  | B.M. | Performance |
| Philosophy (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Physics\*\* (p. ) | B.S. |  |
| Political Science (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Psychology (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Public Administration (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Public Policy (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Sociology (p. ) | B.A. |  |
| Theatre (p. ) | B.A. | Design/Technical |
|  | B.A. | General Theatre |
|  | B.A. | Musical Theatre |
|  | B.A. | Performance |

\*Art education and music education are designed for students seeking grades pre-K–12 teaching certification.

\*\*Students seeking grades 7–12 teaching certification in these majors should see Secondary Education.

Minors

Africana Studies (p. )

Anthropology (p. )—Archaeology, Biological, Cultural, Linguistic, Medical

Archaeology (p. )

Art (p. )—Ceramics, Digital Media, Graphic Design, Metalsmithing and Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture

Art History (p. )

Behavioral Neuroscience (p. )

Biological Anthropology (p. )

Biology (p. )

Chemistry (p. )

Communication (p. )

Creative Writing (p. )

Cultural Anthropology (p. )

Dance Performance (p. )

Data Science (p. )

(p. ) Digital Media Production (p. )

# Political Science

**Department of Political Science**

**Department Chair:** Seth Dixon

**Department Faculty: Professors** Linde; **Associate Professors** Brophy-Baermann, Rogol, Schmeling; **Assistant Professors** Leviss

A 2.0 GPA in the major at graduation is required for the B.A. in political science. Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Political Science B.A.

Course Requirements

Required Courses

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 103 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 104 | Introduction to Political Thought | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 308W | Research and Writing in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |

**and SIX additional 3 or 4-credit political science courses, at least FOUR of which must be at the 300-level or above.**

Total Credit Hours: 41-44

Internship

The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to undertake internship experiences as part of their undergraduate education. Every fall, spring, and summer the department offers a twelve-week internship for students in political science, public administration, public policy, justice studies, gerontology, and other programs. Students are placed in federal, state, and local government agencies; in private sector public service organizations; and in organizations engaged in campaigns or political advocacy. To enroll in this internship, students should register for POL 328.

In addition, under the auspices of the Rhode Island State Internship Program, the department offers a twelve-week internship every spring semester, placing students with individual members of the Rhode Island state legislature or with members of the executive and judicial branches of state government. To enroll in this internship, students should register for POL 327.

Washington Week/Congressional Internship

Washington Week is a one-week internship program for Rhode Island College (RIC) students which provides the opportunity to intern in a Rhode Island Congressional office in Washington D.C. The goal of the program is to provide RIC students with an overview of Congress through being a part of a RI Senator or Representative's office and to see first-hand how the federal government works. Additionally, the intern will serve as an ambassador for Rhode Island College. While there will

# Public Administration

**Department of Political Science**

**Department Chair:** Seth Dixon

**Director of Public Administration:** Perri Leviss

The major in public administration is designed for students who seek opportunities in federal, state, local, or nonprofit agencies and organizations, and for those applying for admission to graduate programs in public administration, public affairs, or public policy. A GPA of 2.0 in the major is required to graduate with a B.A. in public administration. Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Public Administration B.A.

Course Requirements

Courses

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GEOG 202/PBAD 202 | Geographic Information Systems I | 4 | F, Sp |
| PBAD 325 | Politics of Public Management | 4 | Sp |
| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 301W | Foundations of Public Administration | 4 | F |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |

ONE COURSE from

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| POL 327 | Internship in State Government | 4 | Sp |
| POL 328 | Field Experiences in the Public Sector | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Cognates

THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300 level and above other than political science department courses and chosen in consultation with the public administration director. The cognate requirement can be satisfied by completing a dual major other than in political science, or a minor other than in political science, or a college-approved, credit-bearing certificate program. (e.g., Geographic Information Systems)

Total Credit Hours: 41-44

Public Administration B.A.-M.P.A.

Rhode Island College cooperates with the University of Rhode Island in providing Rhode Island College students with an opportunity to begin their graduate training in public administration as they complete their studies leading to a degree at Rhode Island College. Early advisement is essential for students seeking admission to this program. Students should consult with the director of the undergraduate public administration program no later than the second semester of their junior year.

Public Administration M.P.A.

The Master of Public Administration Program is a cooperative program of Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island. M.P.A.

students may take graduate-level electives at Rhode Island College to fulfill their plan of study. Requests for program information should be made to the director of the public administration program at Rhode Island College.

# PUBLIC POLICY

**Department of Political Science**

**Department Chair:** Seth Dixon

**Director of Public Administration:** TBD

The major in public policy is designed for students who seek careers developing, implementing, and evaluating public policy as well as for those applying for admission to graduate programs public policy or public affairs. A GPA of 2.0 in the major is required to graduate with a B.A. in public policy. Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Public Policy B.A.

Course Requirements

Courses

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 102 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PHIL 206 | Ethics | 3 | F, Sp |
| ECON 200 | Intro to Economics | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |
| POL 456W | Policy Analysis | 3 | F |

ONE COURSE from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 111 | Careers in Politics and Public Policy | 1 | Annually |
| SOC 215 | Careers and the Social Sciences | 1 | Annually |

**ONE COURSE from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| POL 206 | State and Local Govt | 4 | Every 3rd semester |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| POL 354 | Interest Groups | 4 | F (alternate years) |
| POL 357 | The American Presidency | 4 | As needed |
| POL 358 | The American Congress | 4 | Every 3rd semester |

**ONE COURSE from**

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| MATH 240 | Statistical Methods I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

**ONE COURSE from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| COMM 201W | Writing for Strategic Communication | 4 | F, Sp |
| COMM 208 | Public Presentations | 4 | F, Sp |
| ENGL 230W | Workplace Writing | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ENGL 231W | Multimodal Writing | 4 | Alternate years |
| ENGL 232W | Public and Community Writing | 4 | Alternate years |
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**POLICY CONCENTRATION AREAS**Choose ONE from A, B, C, D, E or F:  
  **A. SOCIAL POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AGNG 314/NURS 314 | Health and Aging | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEND 100W | Gender and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEND 358 | Gender-Based Violence | 4 | Alternate years |
| POL 309 | Gender and Politics in the US | 4 | As needed |
|  |  |  |  |
| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4  4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
|  |  |  |  |
| POL 347 | Political Activism and Social Justice | 4 | Sp (alternate years) |
| SWRK 200 | Intro to Social Work | 4 | F, Sp |
| SWRK 301 | Policy Analysis and Practice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 314 | Sociology of Health and Illness | 4 | Annually |
| SOC 324 | Immigration and Justice |  | Annually |
| SOC 320 | Aging and the Law |  | Annually |
|  | | | |
| **Or substitute a minor or CUS in Aging Studies (23-27 credits)** | | | |

**B. CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4  4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
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| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 340 | Police and Policing | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 341 | Sociology of Punishment | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 342 | Women, Crime and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 343 | Juveniles and Justice | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 344 | Race and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 345 | Victimology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 362W | Theories of Crime Seminar | 4 | F, Sp |
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| **Or substitute a minor in Justice Studies (26-28 credits)** | | | |

**C. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 343 | Environmental Anthropology | 4 | Alternate years |
| ANTH 347 | Environmental Justice | 4 | Alternate years |
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| ECON 337  ECON 437 | Economics of Climate Change and Sustainability  -Or-  Environmental Economics | 4  4 | Annually (odd years)  As needed |
|  |  |  |  |
| ENST 200W | Environmental Studies | 4 | Sp |
| GEOG 100W | Intro to Environmental Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 206 | Disaster Management | 4 | F, Sp |
| HPE 403 | Environmental Health | 3 | Annually |
| HIST 258 | Environmental History | 3 | Annually |
| PHIL 325 | Environmental Ethics | 3 | Sp |
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| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4  4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
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| POL 349 | Environmental Policy and Law | 4 | Early Spring |
| SUST 200 | Intro to Sustainability | 4 | Annually |
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| **Or substitute a minor in Environmental Studies (20 credits)** | | | |

**D. ECONOMIC POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 235 | Economics of Race and Gender | 4 | Sp |
| ECON 331 | Topics in Global Economics | 4 | Annually (even years) |
| MGT 341W | Business, Government, and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
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| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4  4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
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| **Or substitute a minor in Economics (22 credits), or a minor in International Business** (25-38 credits) | | | |

**E. HEALTH POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 261 | Complexities of Global Health | 4 | F, Sp |
| HCA 201W | Intro. to Health Care Systems | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| HCA 302/NURS 302 | Health Care Organizations | 3 | F, Sp |
| HCA 303W | Health Policy and Contemporary Issues | 3 | F, Sp |
| HPE 202W | Community/Public Health and Health Promotion | 3 | F, Sp |
| HPE 233 | Social and Global Perspectives on Health | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| HPE 403 | Environmental Health | 3 | Annually |
| HPE 416/GEND 416 | Women’s Health |  | Annually |
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| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
|  |  |  |  |
| NURS 314/AGNG 314 | Health and Aging | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 314 | Sociology of Health and Illness | 4 | Annually |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Or substitute a minor in Community and Public Health (18-20 credits), or a minor in Health Care Administration**  **(24 credits)** | | | |

**F. GLOBAL/INTERNATIONAL POLICY**

**THREE COURSES from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ECON 331 | Topics in Global Economics | 4 | Annually (even years) |
| GEND 245/POL 245 | Gender and Global Politics | 4 | Sp (odd years) |
| GEOG 200 | World Regional Geography | 4 | F, Sp |
| GLOB 200W | Global Studies in the World | 4 | F, Sp |
| HIST 218 | American Foreign Policy: 1945 to Present | 3 | F |
| POL 103 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 267 | Immigration, Citizenship, and National Identity | 4 | Annually |
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| POL 327  POL 328 | Internship in State Govt  -Or-  Field Experience in the Public Sector | 4  4 | Sp  F, Sp, Su |
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| POL 341 | The Politics of Development | 4 | Sp |
| POL 344 | Human Rights | 4 | Sp (alternate years) |
| POL 345/INGO 300 | International NGOs and Nonprofits | 4 | F |
| POL 346 | US Foreign Policy | 4 | As needed |
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| **Or substitute a minor in Geography (19 credits), a minor in Global Studies (22-24 credits), a minor in INGOs (19 credits) or a CUS in INGOs (23-24- credits)** | | | |

Total Credit Hours 40-69

# Sociology

**Department of Sociology**

**Department Chair:** Carse Ramos

**Department Faculty: Professors** Arthur, Ciambrone, Harrison, Jackson, Niklas**; Associate Professors**Chaudhuri, Harkness, Nopper, Ramos**; Assistant Professors**Bazo Vienrich, Campbell

Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Sociology B.A.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SOC 300 | Classical Sociological Theories | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302W | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 400 | Contemporary Sociological Theories | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 460W | Senior Seminar in Sociology | 4 | F, Sp |

FIVE ADDITIONAL COURSES in sociology with no more than one at the 200-level for a total of 19-20 credits.

*Note: MATH 240 may also be taken to fulfill part of this additional course requirement.*

*Note: Connections courses cannot be used to satisfy these requirements.*

Total Credit Hours: 39-40