

III. POLITICS and INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

There is no specific math course required for the Politics and International Relations major. Familiarity with digital technology is increasingly important for students in the humanities with new developments in the digital humanities majors. Students interested in pursuing digital applications in the humanities should consider taking courses in CIS. The introductory CIS courses to consider include:

CIS 171 Problem Solving with Computers focuses on using computers and software to create reports, images, spreadsheets, web pages, and databases.

CIS 180 Introduction to Computer and Information Science covers both technical and social aspects of computing, including privacy, security, reliability, and ethics.

CIS 181 Introduction to Computer Programming in Python is the introductory programming course for both majors and non-majors.

For students interested in math, we strongly recommend students enroll in STAT 269. Students may alternately students enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, or MATH 107 in their first year, unless they have had a pre-calculus course; then they should consider MATH 108.

Students with Advanced Placement credit:

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics should go to the math department’s website (www.messiah.edu/departments/mathsci/courses/ap_credit.html) to find out how credit is awarded for your scores.

**Recommended QuEST sequencing
8 Semester Plan**

*QuEST requirement

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called	3
Varies	1 st language requirement	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication	3	Varies	Laboratory Science	3-4
Varies	Mathematical Science	3-4	HIST 1xx	History meeting QuEST	3
POLI 113 or POLI 204	American Government OR History of Political Thought	3		Major requirement	3
Total		15	Total		15-16
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST	3
BIBL 2xx	Bible	3	Varies	Philosophy or Religion	3
	Major requirement	3		Major requirement	3
	Major requirement	3		Major requirement	3
	Electives or minor			Electives or minor	
Total		12-18	Total		12-18
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Theo 2xx	Christian Beliefs	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre meeting Quest	3	Varies	Non-Western	3
	Major requirement	3		Major requirement	3
	Major requirement	3		Major requirement	3
Total		12-18	Total		12-18
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World	3
	Major requirement	3		Major requirement	3
	Electives or minor	3		Electives or minor	3
	Electives or minor	3		Electives or minor	3
Total		12-18	Total		12-18

There is a curricular design and rationale for the QuEST curriculum, so to every degree possible, try to keep the General Education requirements in their recommended year.

Year 1: 1st and 2nd Language, Oral Comm, FYS, CCC

Year 2: Bible

Years 1-2: Literature, Social Sciences/History, Philosophy/Religion, 3rd language,

Years 3-4: Pluralism, Christian Beliefs, Ethics/World View/Pluralism