

**United States Armed Forces / Old Dominion University
Military Pathway
Catalog Years 2024–2027**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE OR ARTS – POLITICAL SCIENCE

Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom		
Military Course, Certification, Experience, or Exam	ODU Equivalent Course	Credits
Lower-Division General Education Requirements		
CLEP ^{1 2 3} College Composition (NOT Modular)	ENGL 110C English Composition	3
DSST Technical Writing	ENGL 231C Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
Instructor, career counselor, recruiter, or select specialties	Oral Communication requirement	3
CLEP College Algebra or Precalculus	MATH 102M or 162M (BA)	3
DSST Principles of Statistics	STAT 130M Elementary Statistics (BS or BA)	
CLEP Foreign Languages or military linguist or DLIFLC grad	Language and Culture requirement ⁴ (CLEP for 201 & 202 may satisfy additional 6 credits for BA)	6-12
CLEP Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 201S Principles of Macroeconomics	3
CLEP Any History exam	Interpreting the Past requirement	3
CLEP American or Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	Literature requirement	3
CLEP Biology ⁵	Nature of Science requirement	8
Department or Major Requirements		
CLEP or DSST multiple choices	Elective or General Education requirements	various
CLEP Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 202S Principles of Microeconomics (if GEOG 100S not met)	3
Current or previous E6-E9 or DSST Principles of Supervision	SEPS 302 Workforce Supervision (option D)	3
Current or previous E7-E9 or CLEP Principles of Management	MGMT 325 Contemporary Organizations & Management (option D)	3
Current or previous E8-E9	MGMT 330 Organizational Behavior (option D)	3
Current or previous E9	MGMT 410 Leadership in Organizations (option D)	3
DSST Ethics in America	POLS 495 Topics in Political Science (POLS elective)	3
DSST Introduction to the Modern Middle East	POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East (POLS elective)	3
DSST Western Europe Since 1945	POLS 314 European Politics (POLS elective)	3
Select specialties	POLS 350T Technology and War (POLS elective)	3
Select specialties	POLS 327W Politics of National Security (POLS elective)	3
Select specialties or CLEP American Government	POLS 101S Introduction to American Politics	3
Select specialties or DSST Introduction to Geography	GEOG 100S Human Geography (if ECON 202S not met)	3
Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom		71+

Note: Prior learning credit not to exceed 60 credit hours is also available in specific situations at a cost of 20-50% of the current tuition rate: <https://ww1.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/evaluation-of-credit/prior-learning>

¹ A passing CLEP or DSST examination score will satisfy the ODU requirement. See <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> and <https://www.odu.edu/academics/academic-records/score-analysis/clep-dantes> for details.

² A student may forego the CLEP or DSST option and satisfy the requirements by taking the actual courses. If a course is taken elsewhere check first for transfer equivalency here <https://transfer2.odu.edu/equivalency/>.

³ Modern States offers CLEP preparation here <https://modernstates.org/>.

⁴ ODU's Language and Culture requirement can be satisfied by three years of a foreign language or two years of two foreign languages in high school. Students whose native language is not English are exempt from taking a foreign language for general education.

⁵ Biology is the only CLEP exam that will satisfy all eight credit hours for ODU's Nature of Science requirement.

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Requirements Met at ODU

A minimum of 30 credits must be taken at ODU and 120 credits total to earn degree

Short Title	Course Title	Credits
Political Science Requirements		
POLS 100S	Introduction to International Politics	3
POLS 102S	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	3
POLS 300/400 Electives	Select four 300- or 400-level POLS electives (if not met elsewhere)	12
POLS 300/400 W Course	Select one 300- or 400-level POLS writing intensive (W) course (C or better required)	3
POLS 308	Research Design (C- or better required; meets Information Literacy and Research requirement)	3
POLS 400 Electives	Select three 400-level POLS electives (if not met elsewhere)	9
Human Creativity	Human Creativity requirement	3
Impact of Technology	Impact of Technology requirement	3
Philosophy and Ethics	Philosophy and Ethics requirement	3
Electives	Electives to meet 120 credits not met elsewhere	various
Requirements met at ODU		42+
Total credits for degree		120

Next steps:

Submit application at <https://www.odu.edu/apply/applications>. Online students - use application fee waiver code provided by your ODUGlobal enrollment coordinator.

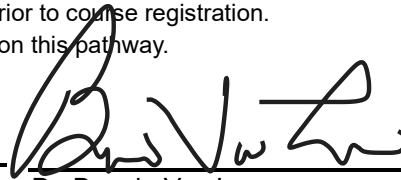
- Order your high school, college, CCAF, and/or joint service transcripts sent to admissions@odu.edu or Old Dominion University, Undergraduate Admissions, 1004 Alfred B. Rollins Jr. Hall, Norfolk, Virginia 23529-0050.
- Electronically sign your application.
- Monitor your application portal for status updates until an admission decision is made.
- Accept your admission offer and set up your ODU account/email as directed by Admissions.
- Complete orientation and meet with your academic advisor prior to course registration.
- Finalize your degree plan with your academic advisor based on this pathway.

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