United States Armed Forces / Old Dominion University
Military Pathway
Catalog Years 2026-2029

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 College Composition (NOT Modular)	ENGL 110C English Composition	3
DSST Technical Writing	Written Communication requirement	3
Select military specialties	Oral Communication requirement	3
CLEP College Algebra or Precalculus	Mathematics requirement (BA)	3
DSST Principles of Statistics	Mathematics requirement (BS or BA)	
CLEP Foreign Languages or military linguist or DLIFLC graduate	Language and Culture requirement[1] (6 for BS; 12 for BA)	6-12
CLEP Principles of Macroeconomics	Human Behavior requirement	3
CLEP Any History exam	Interpreting the Past requirement	3
CLEP American or Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	Literature requirement	3
CLEP Biology	Nature of Science requirement	8
Department or Major Requirements		
CLEP Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 202S Princ of Microeconomics (if GEOG 100S not met)	3
Select military specialties or DSST Introduction to Geography	GEOG 100S Human Geography (if ECON 202S not met)	3
Current or previous E6-E9 or DSST Principles of Supervision	SEPS 302 Workforce Supervision Management (Option B or D)	3
Current or previous E7-E9 or CLEP Principles of Management	MGMT 325 Contemporary Orgs and Mgmt (Option B or D)	3
Current or previous E8-E9	MGMT 330 Organizational Behavior (Option B or D)	3
Current or previous E9	MGMT 410 Leadership in Organizations (Option B or D)	3
Select military specialties	POLS 100S Introduction to International Politics	3
Select military specialties or CLEP American Government	POLS 101S Introduction to American Politics	3
DSST Western Europe Since 1945	POLS 314 European Politics (meets elective)	3
Select military specialties	POLS 325W World Politics (meets elective)	3
Select military specialties	POLS 327W Politics of National Security (meets elective	3
Select military specialties	POLS 350T Technology and War (meets elective)	3
DSST Introduction to the Modern Middle East	POLS 466 Politics of the Middle East (meets elective)	3
DSST Ethics in America	POLS 495 Topics in Political Science (meets elective)	3
	Requirements Potentially Met Outside Classroom	**83**

- See our Military Learner Checklists for additional guidance.
- See the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam webpage or the DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) exam webpage for details.
- See the Modern States webpage for free CLEP preparatory courses.
- See our Course-By-Course Equivalency database to check transfer equivalency for courses you have taken elsewhere.

[1] 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.

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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**
POLS 102S	Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	3
POLS 308	Research Design (C- or better required; meets Information Literacy and Research requirement)	3
POLS 418	Quantitative Methods	3
POLS 300/400 Electives	Select three (BS) or four (BA) 300/400 courses from catalog not met elsewhere	9
POLS 300/400 W Course	Select one 300/400 writing intensive course from catalog not met elsewhere	3
POLS 400 Electives	Select three 400 courses from catalog not met elsewhere	9
Human Creativity	Human Creativity requirement	3
Impact of Technology	Impact of Technology requirement not met elsewhere	3
Philosophy and Ethics	Philosophy and Ethics requirement	3
Electives	Elective requirements not met elsewhere	various
	Requirements Met at ODU	**39+**
	Total Credits for Degree	**120**

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