BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

The Political Communications program at GW is the first-of-its-kind—as a student, you’ll explore the nature and political effects of our rapidly evolving media environment. Our faculty of accomplished academics and practitioners will guide you through how mass media, the internet, and new information and communication technologies are changing the political field in the United States and around the world. You’ll participate in life-changing internships around the D.C. area and beyond—our students have held internships that include blogging for Politico and the Huffington Post or media production at CNN, Fox News, and NBC’s “Meet the Press.” Our graduates have gone on to successful careers on the campaign trail, in Congress, or in offices and boardrooms around the world.

For more information visit the program website. (https://smpa.gwu.edu/political-communication/)

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/). Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052
Contact for questions: gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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<td>Required courses (30 credits):</td>
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<td>PSC 1002</td>
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Students must achieve specified grades in some courses. Consult the School of Media and Public Affairs (http://smpa.gwu.edu/) for particular grade and course sequencing requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION
In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- **Writing**—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- **Humanities**—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- **Mathematics or Statistics**—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- **Natural or Physical Science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- **Social Sciences**—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

SPECIAL HONORS
In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students with a 3.7 GPA in all courses completed at GW and in all courses required for the major may declare for Special Honors in political communication at the beginning of the senior year. Students take SMPA 4199 Senior Seminar in the first semester of the senior year and SMPA 4198 Special Honors Research Seminar in the second semester. To achieve Special Honors, the student must maintain the required GPA and present a successful oral defense of a research paper prepared for the Honors Research Seminar before a committee that includes the seminar instructor and two other faculty members nominated by the student and approved by the seminar instructor.

COMBINED PROGRAM
- **Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in political communication and Master of Professional Studies in the field of political management** (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/
• Dual Bachelor of Arts in an SMPA Major and Master of Arts in the field of Media and Strategic Communication or Master of Professional Studies in the field of Political Management (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/media-public-affairs/combined-ba-ma/)