1. Have a basic knowledge of the political institutions and processes of the government of the United States.

2. Have a basic knowledge of political theory, political systems around the globe, and/or political in the international arena.

3. Understand the role of empirical evidence in relation to scientific theories.

4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills as well as formulate and defend a thesis in written and verbal forms of communication.

5. Design and apply appropriate research methods to investigate political questions, including:
   - formulate well reasoned questions for political inquiry
   - gather empirical evidence
   - summarize empirical evidence
   - evaluate what the empirical evidence implies for the research questions
   - effectively communicate the results of empirical inquiry

6. Possess the skills required to use political science knowledge in the 21st century, including technological competence for:
   - conducting research
   - searching for literature and other scholarly resources
   - analyzing information
   - writing reports
   - presenting results
○ good citizenship