**First-Year Advising & Registration Guidebook**

# **Political Science & Policy Studies**

Your First-Year Advising & Registration (FYAR) Guidebook will help you identify classes of interest for your first semester at Elon University. Use this with your online preorientation, ***Elon Bound***. You will also want to spend time on the FYAR section of the [Office of Academic Advising](https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/koenigsberger-learning-center/academic-advising/first-year-advising-registration/course-selection-resources/) website where you will find video tutorials and frequently asked questions.

Your FYAR Guidebook provides information for recommended classes in your area of academic exploration. Read this information carefully and complete the worksheet section of the guidebook ***before*** attending your small group virtual advising meeting.

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| **Your first semester schedule will consist of the following:** |
| * ELN 1010: First Year Advising Seminar (required) * COR 1100 ***OR*** ENG 1100 (required) |

**Additional Course options based on major:**

***Political Science A.B.***

* Political Science (POL) 1110: American Government
* Political Science (POL) 1410: International Relations
* Political Science (POL) 1610: Comparative Politics

***Policy Studies A.B.***

* Economics (ECO) 1000: Principles of Economics
* Political Science (POL) 1110: American Government
* Policy Studies (PST) 1000: Introduction to Policy Studies

**Select 2 to 3 classes from:**

* First Year Foundations Math based on placement score
* World Language course as needed, based on World Language placement result
* [Studies in the Arts & Sciences](https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/koenigsberger-learning-center/academic-advising/building-your-class-schedule/) Course 1

Your goal is to **register for 16-18 semester hours** for the upcoming semester, with 17 semester hours being the most common course load.

Alternate classes are critical so plan for at least 8 classes of interest that can be taken in your first semester or would be of interest for a future term.

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| **Building Your Schedule Worksheet­** | |
| Complete this worksheet to determine classes of interest for your first semester at Elon. You should have a minimum of 10 classes of interest to consider. This will best enable you to create a schedule with both class interests and times that are most effective for your learning. | |
| 1. Circle/highlight the class you are pre-enrolled in. You will complete both courses, 1 in the fall and the other in the spring. | * COR 1100: The Global Experience * ENG 1100: Writing – Argument & Inquiry |
| 1. Are you undecided on what major to pursue? Consider enrolling in Enroll in ELN 1110: Exploring Majors for 1 semester hour. | Circle level of interest:  Yes  No |
| 1. Enter your ELN 1010 course time in the box to the right. Check your schedule in OnTrack. |  |
| 1. How many credits do you want to take this semester? Overall, 17 credits is the most common. A minimum of 12 is needed to be full-time. First semester students enrolled in ELN 1010 can enroll in up to 19. |  |
| 1. My Math Placement is (check your *Timeline* in OnTrack): |  |
| 1. Do you want to take First-Year Foundations Math this semester? |  |
| 1. My World Language Placement is (check your Timeline in OnTrack): |  |
| 1. Do you want/need to take a World Language your first semester? |  |
| 1. What intro to major classes interest you? Be sure to list both the major and the class so you can keep track of which classes connect to which major(s). (View page 2 of this document.) |  |
| 1. What courses in Expression did you look up in OnTrack and find interesting? |  |
| 1. What courses in Civilization did you look up in OnTrack and find interesting? |  |
| 1. What courses in Society did you look up in OnTrack and find interesting? |  |
| 1. What courses in Science did you look up in OnTrack and find interesting? |  |
| 1. Note questions you plan to ask during your virtual advising session. | |

## **Political Science Major Example Schedule 1**

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Course List of 17 semester hours:

* ELN 1010 – required
* COR 1100 – required in either fall or spring
* POL 1110 – Major + Society
* POL 1610 – Major
* STS 1100 – Intro to Statistics (First Year Foundations Math based on placement)

**Note:** Students must complete classes from two different disciplines to complete the Society requirement. Only 4 semester hours from Political Science from the major can also count in Society.

## **Political Science Major Example Schedule 1**

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Course List of 15 semester hours:

* ELN 1110 – required
* ENG 1100 – required in either fall or spring
* ECO 1000 – Society
* POL 1110 – Major + Society
* IDS 1150 – Public Speaking

**Note:** IDS 1150 is a 2 semester hour course for half of the semester. Some first-year students prefer to take fewer than 16 semester hours. Discuss with your small group advisor.