Frequently Asked Questions:

What GPA do I need to graduate?
A minimum of 2.0 overall, and in your major. Cognates count toward your major gpa.

If I get a D in a Major class, does it count toward my major?
YES! For an upper level class, it is rarely beneficial to retake it. You need a 2.0 overall, not a minimum C in each class.

Grade Replacements: What do they mean, and should I do them?
They are ONLY for 1000 & 2000 level classes; retake the class if you can significantly improve the grade. If you are replacing a “D” it will not add any hours, which may affect financial aid and progress toward graduation.¹

Are there any “minimum” grades I should get?
Foreign Language 1002; you MUST get a C (minimum) to survive 1003, B is better. You walk into 1003, and the teacher is no longer speaking English. Period.

Does MATH 0001 or 0045 count towards graduation?
No; if you have credit for it, subtract the two hours from your total hours.

Do I have to take MATH 1065?
NO. you may take MATH 1050 instead.

Can I get credit for a course in more than one category?
Minor classes may double count for general education (FC) if they normally receive FC credit; major classes may not. Courses taken for the major may generally not count for a minor as well, except for stats, which might count for both POLS major and Business Admin minor, and MLSC, where your POLS or HIST courses can count for both.

Can FC (general education) requirements in any category be met by taking courses all from the same department?
Natural Sciences (SC) requirements may be taken from one department; for Humanities & Fine Arts (H/FA) you need to have at least 1 hour from the humanities (philosophy, literature, etc), and at least one hour from the Fine Arts (music, art, theatre, etc); for Social Sciences (SO), you need to have your 12 hours from at least three different fields (anthropology, economics, geography, history, etc.).

Does my military service count toward any general education requirements?
Yes; your DD-214 will place you out of both HLTH 1000 & EXSS 1000. Take it to admissions.

What do I have to do to graduate?
First, you must complete all the requirements to graduate in your program; while you are working on that, complete a senior summary, do an exit survey, and apply to graduate. In Political Science, all Senior Summaries are done with the Undergraduate Director.

¹ See someone in the Undergraduate Advising Center for more assistance. (Old Cafeteria Building)
What is a senior summary?
A senior summary is a review of your record to figure out what you still need to take to graduate. The senior summary will lay out the number of hours you still need, any specific courses which are required (FC, major and minor requirements); and the gpa you must achieve (2.0 in your major and overall).

When should I get my senior summary done?
Your advisor will tell you when to start it, usually at least 1-1/2 semesters before you plan to graduate, so that any problems that might arise may be fixed; if you expect to graduate in Spring, do the senior summary in Fall, before early registration. If you expect to graduate in the Summer, you should also do the senior summary in the Fall. For December graduation, do the senior summary early in the preceding Spring.

What do I do if I receive an email from the registrar saying that I can’t graduate?
The email points out a problem which the registrar’s office found which would prevent you from graduating when you expected. Make an appointment to see your adviser immediately so that the problem may be addressed. See the samples attached...

I finished all my required classes, why can’t I graduate?
At a minimum, you must finish 126 total credit hours, with at least a 2.0 gpa, and half of those credits from a 4-year college, to graduate. Are you short on any of those?

What about courses at another school?
Grades from courses taken at another school do not transfer in, so you cannot use them to improve your gpa. You may not take courses elsewhere and transfer them back in if you have below a 2.0 gpa. If you want to take classes at another school, fill out the permission form, and take it to the Registrar’s office.