

B.A. Political Science Requirements

The major in Political Science emphasizes analytical and writing skills together with developing knowledge of the U.S. government, global political systems, and the means of inquiry in the social sciences. The major prepares students for graduate work and for a broad range of careers including administrative positions in government, community organizations, electoral politics, or organizations working on behalf of specific policies. Graduates often pursue careers in business, law, consulting, state, local, and federal government, journalism and communications, international organization, finance, polling and campaign management, community service, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Note that all students must achieve 120 undergraduate credits and a minimum 2.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Political Science is 2.0.

Required Political Science Core Courses – 18 credits

- POLI 10 American Government (3 credits)
- POLI 20 International Relations (3 credits)
- POLI 30 Introduction to World Politics (3 credits)
- POLI 40 Introduction to Political Theory (3 credits)
- POLI 201 Empirical Political Analysis (3 credits)
- POLI 380 Senior Seminar in Political Science (3 credits)

Depth of Knowledge Courses – 18 credits

6 POLI courses, at least 3 courses at 200-level or above; at least 1 course from each of the subfields listed below. Department permission required for POLI 370 and/or POLI 390. POLI 370 may be taken twice for a total of 6 credit hours. Selected topics (POLI 371) may be taken more than once as long as the same topic is not repeated. Graduate courses at the 400-level are open to juniors and seniors who have a 2.9 GPA and above with the permission of the department.

Students should consult their major advisor for appropriate courses for each subfield.

American Politics Course (3 credits) – *Select one:* POLI 211, 213, 214, 228, 312, 313, 314, 316, 341

International Politics Course (3 credits) – *Select one:* POLI 133, 134, 227, 228, 231, 322, 332

Political Theory Course (3 credits) – *Select one:* POLI 140, 141, 314, 322, 341

University Electives – 42 credits

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B.A. Political Science Major Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

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Required Political Science Core Courses - 18 credits

POLI 10 American Government	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 20 International Relations	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 30 Introduction to World Politics	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 40 Introduction to Political Theory	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 201 Empirical Political Analysis	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 380 Senior Seminar in Political Science	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	18 total credits	

Depth Courses - 18 credits

At least three courses must be at the 200-level or above

A. American Politics Course:	3 credits	Grade:
B. International Politics Course:	3 credits	Grade:
C. Political Theory Course:	3 credits	Grade:
D. Any area:	3 credits	Grade:
E. Any area:	3 credits	Grade:
F. Any area:	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	18 total credits	

University Electives - 42 credits

Course 1:	credits	Grade:
Course 2:	credits	Grade:
Course 3:	credits	Grade:
Course 4:	credits	Grade:
Course 5:	credits	Grade:
Course 6:	credits	Grade:
Course 7:	credits	Grade:
Course 8:	credits	Grade:
Course 9:	credits	Grade:
Course 10:	credits	Grade:
Course 11:	credits	Grade:
Course 12:	credits	Grade:
Course 13:	credits	Grade:
Course 14:	credits	Grade:
Total Credits	42 total credits	

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Total credits from major courses	36
Total credits from general education program	42-45
Total credits from university electives	42
Minimum total credits to graduate	120
Minimum overall GPA	2.0
Minimum GPA in major program	2.0
Comprehensive Exam	PASS

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B.A. Political Science 8-Semester Planner

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

Each semester listed below provides information including course categories, typical credit hours (CH.), and space to add specific course selections. This planner is a suggested path. Consult with your advisor regarding your unique plans and interests as you make choices about your schedule.

First Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category A1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C1	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	FYSM 100	3 CH.	Selection: FYSM100 -
Major	POLI 10	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Second Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A2 (COMP 202 suggested)	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	POLI 20	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	POLI 30	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Third Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category B	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C2	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	POLI 40	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	Selection:

Fourth Semester Plan

Gen Ed	Category A4	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category C3	3 CH.	Selection:
Gen Ed	Category D	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Fifth Semester Plan

Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Sixth Semester Plan

Major	POLI 201	3 CH.	Selection:
Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Seventh Semester Plan

Major	Depth of Knowledge Course	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Eighth Semester Plan

Major	POLI 380	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Elective	University Elective	3 CH.	Selection:
Total		15 CH.	

Additional Notes:

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