

**Political Science Department
Political Science Major
Curriculum Year: 2023-2024**

*Your department has developed this road plan, taking into account prerequisites and schedule restrictions.
Students can deviate, but you should pay attention to these concerns when deviating from this plan.*

| Year 1 | Fall | Units | Spring | Units | Comment |
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| | PLS 1011: Intro to Political Science Major Core & GE Area E | 3 | PLS 2020: Intro to Comparative Government Major Core | 3 | Students must complete GE Area A2 (English) in their first year with C- or better. |
| | HST 2201 or 2202: US History GE Area D1 | 3 | PLS 2060 or PLS 2080: Choose only one Major Core (Public Administration or Race/Ethnicity) | 3 | |
| | PLS 2010: Intro to American Government GE Area D2 | 3 | PHL 2020 or ENG 2105: Critical Thinking GE Area A3 | 3 | Students must complete GE Area B4 (Math) in their first year with C- or better. For political science, Statistics is recommended. |
| | ENG 1103 or 1100/1101: Composition GE Area A2 | 3 | COM 1100 or 2204: Oral Communication GE Area A1 | 3 | |
| | Math & Quantitative Reasoning GE Area B4 (Choose – STA 1200 recommended) | 3 | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | One course must be completed in each of the GE areas B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, D2, and F. See the course catalog for a list of eligible classes. |
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| Total Units | 15 | Total Units | 15 | B3 is the laboratory course, often taken with B1 or B2. | |
| | | Total Units for Year | 30 | | |

| Year 2 | Fall | Units | Spring | Units | Comment |
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| | PLS 2030: Intro to International Relations Major Core | 3 | PLS 2040: Intro to Political Thought Major Core | 3 | One course must be completed in each of the GE areas B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, D2, and F. See the course catalog for a list of eligible classes. |
| | PLS 2051: Intro to Research Methods Major Core | 3 | PLS 2070: Intro to Public Law Major Core | 3 | |
| | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | After completing C1 and C2, you must take another GE Area C course (either C1 or C2). |
| | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | All lower-division GE Area D courses are completed within the political science major. |
| | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F | 3 | |
| | | | | | All major core and lower-division General Education are to be completed by the end of Year 2. |
| Total Units | 15 | Total Units | 15 | | |
| | | Total Units for Year | 30 | | |

| Year 3 | Fall | Units | Spring | Units | Comment | |
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| | PLS 3055/3055A: Advanced Methods Major Core | 2/1 | Arts & Humanities Synthesis GE Area C3 | 3 | <p>For a list of upper-division PLS elective courses, see 2023-2024 Curriculum Sheet.</p> <p>Before taking the GE Synthesis courses, all lower-division courses within that Area must be completed. See the course catalog for a list of eligible classes.</p> | |
| | Science & Technology Synthesis GE Area B5 | 3 | International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | | |
| | American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | | |
| | Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | | |
| | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | | |
| | Total Units | | 15 | Total Units | | 15 |
| | | | Total Units for Year | | | 30 |

| Year 4 | Fall | Units | Spring | Units | Comment | |
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| | PLS 4411 or PLS 4610 Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis I | 3 | PLS 4412 or PLS 4620 Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis II | 3 | <p>The Senior Thesis (4610/4620) and the Senior Internship (4411/4412) are two-course sequences. Students take only one sequence and it must be taken in the student's final year.</p> | |
| | Social Science Synthesis GE Area D4 | 3 | Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | | |
| | International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | <p>This means that graduating seniors should be enrolled in either PLS 4610 or PLS 4411 in the fall semester of their senior year.</p> | |
| | Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List | 3 | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | | |
| | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units | 3 | <p>For GE Area D4, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, and PLS 4815.</p> | |
| | Total Units | | 15 | Total Units | | 15 |
| | | | Total Units for Year | | | 30 |

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| Total Units on Plan | 120 |
| Major & Option Core Units | 57 |
| General Education Units | 48 |
| Unrestricted Elective Units | 15-24 |