

2025-2026 Political Science Degree Progress Checklist

<u>General Education Course (14 courses + 5C Lab)</u>	<u>Complete?</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
GE Area 1A: English Communication (ENG 1100 or ENG 1103)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	End of 1 st year
GE Area 1B: Critical Thinking (ENG 2105 or PHL 2020)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 1C: Oral Communication (COM 1100 or COM 2204)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	End of 1 st year
GE Area 2: Math/Quant Reasoning (STAT 1200 recommended)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	End of 1 st year
GE Area 3A: Arts*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 3B: Humanities*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 3C: Upper-Division Arts or Humanities	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
GE Area 4A: Social and Behavioral Sciences**	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 4B: American Government (PLS 2010)**	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 4C: Upper-Division Social & Behavioral Sciences+	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
GE Area 5A: Physical Science*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 5B: Biological Science*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 5C: Laboratory (taken with either GE Area 5A or 5B)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
GE Area 5D: Upper-Division Scientific Inquiry	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies**	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
<u>Political Science Lower-Division Core Course (9 courses)</u>	<u>Complete?</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
PLS 1011: Introduction to Political Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 st semester
PLS 2010: Introduction to American Government (GE Area 4B) **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2020: Introduction to Comparative Government (GE Area 4A) **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2030: Introduction to International Relations (GE Area 4A) **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2040: Introduction to Political Thought**	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2051: Introduction to Research Methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2060 <u>or</u> PLS 2080+: Public Admin <u>or</u> Race & Ethnic Politics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 2070: Introduction to Public Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before end of year 2
PLS 3055: Advanced Research Methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
<u>Political Science Upper-Division Elective Courses (8 courses)</u>	<u>Complete?</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
American Politics or Public Administration upper-division	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
American Politics or Public Administration upper-division	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
International Relations or Comparative Politics upper-division	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
International Relations or Comparative Politics upper-division	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
Public Law or Political Theory upper-division	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
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Your choice of any upper-division political science	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd or 4 th year
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<u>Senior Capstone (2 courses)</u>	<u>Complete?</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Senior Thesis I (PLS 4610W) <u>or</u> Senior Internship I (PLS 4411W)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall of 4 th year
Senior Thesis II (PLS 4620W) <u>or</u> Senior Internship II (PLS 4412W)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring of 4 th year
<u>Unrestricted electives (between 5-10 courses)</u>	<u>Complete?</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Take any courses in order to finish and reach 120 overall units	<input type="checkbox"/>	Throughout 4 years

*These three GEs can double-count with political science major requirements

**Most of these can be found at local community colleges, typically during a summer term (<https://www.assist.org>)