

Political Science Department
Political Science Major
Curriculum Year: 2025-2026

You should plan your curriculum out in advance. Use this blank worksheet to plan the classes that you will hope to take in your four years at the university.

Year 1	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comments
					Students must complete GE Area 1A (English) and GE Area 2 (Math) in their first year with C- or better
					GE Area 1B (Critical Thinking) and Area 1C (Oral Communication) must be completed with a C- or better
					By Year 3, one course should be completed in each of the GE areas 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, and 6. See https://bit.ly/25GEList for a list of courses
	Total Units		Total Units		GE Area 5C is the laboratory course, to be paired with either GE Area 5A or 5B
			Total Units for Year		

Year 2	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
					By Year 3, one course should be completed in each of the GE areas 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, and 6. See https://bit.ly/25GEList for a list of courses
					All major core and lower-division General Education are to be completed by the end of Year 2
					GE Area 4A (PLS 2020, PLS 2030), GE Area 4B (PLS 2010), and GE Area 6 (PLS 2080) can be completed within the major, to double-count
	Total Units		Total Units		
			Total Units for Year		

Year 3	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
					<p>For a list of upper-division PLS elective courses, see 2025-2026 Curriculum Sheet</p> <p>Before taking the GE upper-division courses (GE Area 3C, GE Area 4C, and GE Area 5D), all lower-division courses within that Area should be completed. See https://bit.ly/25GEList for a list of courses</p>
	Total Units		Total Units		
			Total Units for Year		

Year 4	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
					<p>The Senior Thesis (4610W/4620W) and the Senior Internship (4411W/4412W) are two-course sequences. Students take only one sequence and it must be taken in the student's final year</p> <p>This means that graduating seniors should be enrolled in either PLS 4610W or PLS 4411W in the fall semester of their senior year</p> <p>For GE Area 4C, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, PLS 4815, CLS 4100, or CLS 4820</p>
	Total Units		Total Units		
			Total Units for Year		

Total Units on Plan	120
Major & Option Core Units	57
General Education Units	43
Unrestricted Elective Units	14-29