

**Political Science Department
Political Science Major
Curriculum Year: 2026-2027**

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/26GEList for a list of courses
					GE Area 5C is the laboratory course, to be paired with either GE Area 5A or 5B
	Total Units		Total Units		
			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/26GEList 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 2026-2027 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