

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

*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 If students have not completed the Political Science Major Core Courses (2010-2080, introductory courses), attempt to take them before moving onto the PLS upper-division elective courses. For a list of upper-division PLS elective courses, see 2025-2026 Curriculum Sheet . For GE Area D4/GE Area 4C, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, and PLS 4815.
	PLS 1011: Intro to Political Science Major Core & GE Area E	3	PLS 2060 or PLS 2080: Choose only one Major Core (Public Administration or Race/Ethnicity)	3	
	PLS 2051: Intro to Research Methods Major Core	3	PLS 2070: Intro to Public Law Major Core	3	
	American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	PLS 3055/3055A: Advanced Methods Major Core	2/1	
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Science & Technology Synthesis GE Area B5 / GE Area 5D	3	
	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Arts & Humanities Synthesis GE Area C3 / GE Area 3C	3	
	Total Units	15	Total Units	15	
	Total Units for Year				
Year 2	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment 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. This means that graduating seniors should be enrolled in either PLS 4610W or PLS 4411W in the fall semester of their senior year.
	PLS 4411W or PLS 4610W Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis I	3	PLS 4412W or PLS 4620W Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis II	3	
	American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	
	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	
	Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units	3	
	Social Science Synthesis GE Area D4 / GE Area 4C	3	Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units	3	
	Total Units	15	Total	15	
	Total Units for Year				
Total units on plan					60
Major & Option Core Units					45-51
General Education Units					9
Unrestricted Elective Units					0-6