

**Political Science Department
Political Science Major
Curriculum Year: 2021-2022**

*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
	PLS 1011: Intro to Political Science Major Core & GE Area E	3	PLS 2020: Intro to Comparative Govt., Major Core	3	<i>Students must complete GE Area A2 (English) in their first year with C- or better.</i>
	HST 2201 or 2202: US History GE Area D1	3	PLS 2060 or PLS 2080: Choose ONE Major Core (Public Admin or Race/Ethnicity)	3	
	PLS 2010: Intro to American Govt., GE Area D2	3	PHL 2020 or ENG 2105: Critical Thinking GE Area A3	3	<i>Students must complete GE Area B4 (Math) in their first year with C- or better. For political science, Statistics 1200 is recommended.</i>
	ENG 1103 or 1100/1101: Composition GE Area A2	3	COM 1100 or 2204: Oral Comm. GE Area A1	3	
	Math & Quantitative Reasoning GE Area B4 (Choose – STA 1200 recomment.)	3	Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F	3	<i>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.</i>
Total Units	15	Total Units	15		
Total Units for Year			30		<i>B3 is the laboratory course, often taken with B1 or B2.</i>

Year 2	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
	PLS 2030: Intro to Int'l Relations Major Core	3	PLS 2040: Intro to Political Thought Major Core	3	<i>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.</i>
	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	<i>After completing C1 and C2, you must take another GE Area C course (either C1 or C2).</i>
	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	<i>All lower-division GE Area D courses are completed within the political science major.</i>
	Choose one of the other GEs Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F	3	Choose one of the other GE Any course in Area B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, F	3	
Total Units	15	Total Units	15	<i>All major core and lower-division General Education are to be completed by the end of Year 2.</i>	
Total Units for Year			30		

Year 3	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
	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 2021-2022 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> <p>The Graduation Writing Requirement should be satisfied between the completion of 90-120 units.</p>
	Science & Technology Synthesis GE Area B5	3	Int'l Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	3	
	American Govt./Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	3	American Govt./Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	3	
	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	3	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	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
	PLS 4411 or PLS 4610 Major Core – Internship or Thesis I	3	PLS 4412 or PLS 4620 Major Core – Internship or 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> <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> <p>For GE Area D4, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, and PLS 4815.</p>
	Social Science Synthesis GE Area D4	3	PLS Elective Choose any PLS upper-division course	3	
	Int'l Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course	3	Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units	3	
	PLS Elective Choose any PLS upper-division course	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	
Total Units	15	Total Units	15		
			Total Units for Year	30	

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