

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

**30 hour major – minor required**

**Required Courses:**

- \_\_\_ PS001 Senior Assessment (0)
- \_\_\_ PS240 Introduction to Political Science (3)
- \_\_\_ PS471 Senior Seminar in Political Science (3)

**Choose 3 hours:**

- \_\_\_ PS103 U.S. Political Systems (3)
- \_\_\_ PS104 Comparative Political Systems (3)

**Choose 15 hours:**

- \_\_\_ 15 hours of political science courses (3 hours in each of the 5 subfields)

**Choose 6 hours:**

- \_\_\_ 6 additional hours of political science electives

*(9 hours of political science courses must be 300-level or above)*

**Additional Requirements:**

- \_\_\_ 12 Hours in the same foreign language

**Political Science Subfield Course Choices:**

**American Government & Politics**

- PS310 Government & Politics in American States (3)
- PS331 The American Executive (3)
- PS335 American Foreign Policy (3)
- PS361 Campaigns & Elections (3)
- PS362 Political Parties & Interest Groups (3)
- PS365 Legislative Process (3)
- PS390 American Judicial System (3)
- PS490 Constitutional Law (3)
- UI320 Modern Presidency (3)

**Comparative Governments & Politics**

- PS343 Women & Politics (3)
- PS355 Less Developed Nations (3)
- PS371 Government & Politics of East Asia (3)
- PS460 Government & Politics West Europe (3)
- UI350 Middle East Politics (3)
- UI458 Terrorism & Political Violence (3)

**International Politics**

- PS280 Introduction to Global Issues (3)
- PS322 International Political Economy (3)
- PS335 American Foreign Policy (3)
- PS380 International Organizations (3)
- PS580 International Politics (3)
- PS595 International Law (3)

**Public Administration**

- PS230 American Public Policy (3)
- PS403 Public Personnel Admin (3)
- PS415 Government Budgeting Process (3)
- PS425 Administrative Law & Procedure (3)
- PS502 Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)\*
- PS505 Organizational Theory/Behavior (3)\*
- PS518 Public Policy Analysis (3)\*
- PS545 Research Methods in Public Administration (3)\*

**Political Theory**

- PS342 Modern Political Thought (3)
- PS357 Early American Political Thought (3)
- PS358 Foundations of Political Thought (3)
- PS359 Contemporary Political Theory (3)

\*For students pursuing the accelerated MPA

### SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	UI100	1	PS 240	3
	EN100	3	Foreign Language 1	3
	PS103 or PS104	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	American Government	3	Comparative Government	3
	Foreign Language 2	3	Foreign Language 3	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	Minor Course	3
	General Education	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	International Politics	3	Political Theory	3
	PS Elective	3	PS Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Foreign Language 4	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	Public Administration	3	PS001	0
	Minor Course	3	PS471	3
	Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 2.0 GPA in the major and overall are required to graduate with a BA degree.

**General Education Requirements** – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics Examination

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# 2025-2026 degree map

