

**Political Science Department
Political Science Major
Curriculum Year: 2024-2025**

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

Year 2	Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment
	PLS 2030: Intro to International Relations Major Core	3	PLS 2040: Intro to Political Thought Major Core	3	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.
	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	After completing C1 and C2, you must take another GE Area C course (either C1 or C2).
	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	All lower-division GE Area D courses are completed within the political science major.
	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	
					All major core and lower-division General Education are to be completed by the end of Year 2.
Total Units	15	Total Units	15		
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 2023-2024 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>
	Science & Technology Synthesis GE Area B5	3	International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	
	American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	American Government/Public Administration Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	
	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Public Law/Political Theory Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	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 – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis I	3	PLS 4412 or PLS 4620 Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior 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>
	Social Science Synthesis GE Area D4	3	Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	
	International Relations/Comparative Politics Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	3	Unrestricted Elective Choose any course for units	3	<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>
	Political Science Elective Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List	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	<p>For GE Area D4, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, and PLS 4815.</p>
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