

**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.*

		Fall	Units	Spring	Units	Comment	
Year 1		<b>PLS 1011: Intro to Political Science</b> Major Core & GE Area E	3	<b>PLS 2060 or PLS 2080: Choose only one</b> Major Core (Public Administration or Race/Ethnicity)	3	<i>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.</i>	
		<b>PLS 2051: Intro to Research Methods</b> Major Core	3	<b>PLS 2070: Intro to Public Law</b> Major Core	3		
		<b>American Government/Public Administration</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>PLS 3055/3055A: Advanced Methods</b> Major Core	2/1		
		<b>International Relations/Comparative Politics</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>Science &amp; Technology Synthesis</b> GE Area B5	3		<i>For a list of upper-division PLS elective courses, see <a href="#">2024-2025 Curriculum Sheet</a>.</i>
		<b>Public Law/Political Theory</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>Arts &amp; Humanities Synthesis</b> GE Area C3	3		
		<b>Total Units</b>	15	<b>Total Units</b>	15	<i>For GE Area D4, students can double-count PLS 3821, PLS 4205, PLS 4800, PLS 4811, and PLS 4815.</i>	
		<b>Total Units for Year</b>			30		
Year 2		<b>PLS 4411 or PLS 4610</b> Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis I	3	<b>PLS 4412 or PLS 4620</b> Major Core – Senior Internship or Senior Thesis II	3	<i>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.</i>	
		<b>American Government/Public Administration</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>International Relations/Comparative Politics</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3		
		<b>Public Law/Political Theory</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>Political Science Elective</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3		
		<b>Political Science Elective</b> <a href="#">Upper-Division PLS Elective Course List</a>	3	<b>Unrestricted Elective</b> Choose any course for units	3		
		<b>Social Science Synthesis</b> GE Area D4	3	<b>Unrestricted Elective</b> Choose any course for units	3		
		<b>Total Units</b>	15	<b>Total</b>	15	<i>This means that <b>graduating seniors should be enrolled in either PLS 4610 or PLS 4411 in the fall semester of their senior year.</b></i>	
		<b>Total Units for Year</b>			30		
<b>Total units on plan</b>						60	
<b>Major &amp; Option Core Units</b>						45-51	
<b>General Education Units</b>						9	
<b>Unrestricted Elective Units</b>						0-6	