

POLITICAL SCIENCE: PRE-LAW

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
First Year Seminar course (GE 1/15)	3	POLI 140 Comparative Politics or POLI 160 International Relations	3
POLI 110 U.S. Government	3	POLI 170 Modern Ideologies	3
POLI 140 Comparative Politics or POLI160 International Relations	3	GE 4/15 (recommended: Foundations/Quantitative)	3
GE 2/15 (recommended: Foundations/History)	3	GE 5/15	3
GE 3/15 (recommended: Foundations/Writing)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
POLI 300 Research & Analysis	3	POLI Concentration (2/4)	3
POLI 221 Constitutional Law I (1/4 concentration)	3	GE 7/15	3
GE 6/15	3	GE 8/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
POLI Concentration (3/4)	3	POLI Elective (½ any level)	3
GE 9/15	3	GE 11/15	3
GE 10/15	3	GE 12/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	GE 13/15	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Internship/Thesis/Study Abroad	3	POLI 488 Capstone	1
POLI Concentration (4/4)	3	POLI xxx Elective (2/2 any level)	3
GE 14/15	3	GE 15/15	3
GE 15/15	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
Free Elective (or minor course)	3	Free Elective (or minor course)	3
		Free Elective (or minor course)	2
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

Political Science: Core Requirements (19)

- ___ POLI 110 U.S. Government (3)
- ___ POLI 140 Comparative Politics (3)
- ___ POLI 160 International Relations (3)
- ___ POLI 170 Political Ideologies (3)
- ___ POLI 300 Research & Analysis (3)
- ___ POLI 480 Thesis* OR POLI 498 Internship* OR POLI 389 Study Abroad (3)*
- ___ POLI 488 Capstone (1)

Pre-Law Concentration (12)

- ___ POLI221 Constitutional Law I (3)

Any 3 courses from the following (9)

- ___ POLI212 State & Local Politics (3)
- ___ POLI311 Presidency and Congress (3)*
- ___ POLI322 Constitutional Law II (3)*
- ___ POLI324 Philosophy of Law (3)*
- ___ POLI371 Political Philosophy (3)*
- ___ POLI423 Judicial Process (3)*
- ___ POLI427 International Law & Organizations (3)*
- ___ POLI431 Public Policy (3)*

POLI (any level) requirements (6)

- ___ POLI xxx (any level) (3)
- ___ POLI xxx (any level) (3)

Total Credits Required for the Major (37)

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Interconnections (9 credits)
 - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - Directed Gen Ed, if applicable

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.