

POLITICAL SCIENCE: US/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the 2023-24 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

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 120 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 (U.S. Politics subfield)	3
POLI Concentration (Public Policy subfield)	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 (US/Public Policy)	3	POLI Elective (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 US/Public Policy)	3	POLI xxx Elective (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)

Public Policy Subfield: Any 1 course from the following (3)

- ___ POLI 431 Public Policy (3)
- ___ POLI 330 Intro to Public Administration (3)
- ___ POLI 333 Public Administration Application (3)

US Politics Subfield: Any 1 course from the following (3)

- ___ POLI 212 State & Local Politics (3)
- ___ POLI 311 Presidency and Congress (3)
- ___ POLI 313 Campaigns & Elections
- ___ POLI 414 Public Opinion (3)

US/Policy Electives: Any 2 courses from the following (6)

- ___ POLI (from Public Policy list above) (3)
- ___ POLI (from Public Policy list above) (3)
- ___ POLI (from U.S. Politics list above) (3)
- ___ POLI (from U.S. Politics list above) (3)
- ___ POLI 215 Gender & Politics (3)
- ___ POLI 216 Race & Politics (3)
- ___ POLI 435 Ethics in Politics & Public Policy (3)
- ___ POLI 221 Constitutional Law I

POLI (any level) requirements (6)

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

Total Credits Required for the Major (37)

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.

Campus Locations

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| Bloomsburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Lock Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Mansfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Clearfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |