

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – Recommended Political Science Major Course Map

Students pursuing the B.A. in Political Science are required to: maintain at least a 2.000 GPA in the major, earn a grade of “C” or higher in major courses, complete all courses in the major for a letter grade, complete 21 credits from upper division courses, complete one of our capstone courses (POSC 410 or 420), or another 400 level course with prior approval from department chair.

- Students need an average of 15 credits per semester to graduate in four years. Fill your schedule with courses that fulfill requirements for the general education program, your minor, or your cluster.
- Please review your program evaluation each semester and meet regularly with your academic and/or program advisor to review your progress.

YEAR 1	Fall	YEAR 1	Spring
POSC 110 or POSC 120 or POSC 130 or POSC 212	Intro to American Politics Intro to International Relations Intro to Comparative Politics Intro to Public Administration	POSC 110 or POSC 120 or POSC 130 or POSC 212	Intro to American Politics Intro to International Relations Intro to Comparative Politics Intro to Public Administration
FFC 100	First Year Foundations Course	<u>POSC 209</u>	<u>Introduction to Political Theory</u>

YEAR 2	Fall	YEAR 2	Spring
POSC 110 or POSC 120 or POSC 130 or POSC 212	Intro to American Politics Intro to International Relations Intro to Comparative Politics Intro to Public Administration	POSC Elec	Political Science Elective Course
<u>POSC 209</u>	<u>Introduction to Political Theory</u>	POSC Elec	Political Science Elective Course
<u>POSC 201</u>	<u>Political Research Design</u>	<u>POSC 201</u>	<u>Political Research Design</u>

YEAR 3	Fall	YEAR 3	Spring
POSC Elec	Political Science Elective Course	POSC Elec	Political Science Elective Course
Upper POSC	Upper-Division requirement	Upper POSC	Upper-Division requirement

YEAR 4	Fall	YEAR 4	Spring
POSC 410	American Politics Capstone	POSC 410 Or POSC 420	American Politics Capstone International Relations Capstone
Upper POSC	Upper-Division requirement	Upper POSC	Upper-Division requirement

Core Requirements: need three (9 credits).

POSC 201 and POSC 209 are repeated to show flexible scheduling options.

Electives: No 100-level courses, a maximum of three credits may be taken at the 200-level. (12 credits)

Upper-division requirements: One 300-level or above course in 4 of the 5 designated subfields: American politics, international relations, comparative politics, political theory, and public administration and public policy.

POSC 410 offered in both Fall and Spring semesters. POSC 420 offered only in Spring semester.

Note: Elective and Upper Division requirement courses are also often offered in Interterm and Summer semesters.