

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	SPRING
	POSC 110, 120, 130, or 212	POSC 110, 120, 130, or 212
		POSC 200*

Year 2	FALL	SPRING
	POSC 110, 120, 130, or 212	POSC Elec
	POSC 200*	POSC Elec
	POSC 201*	POSC 201*

Year 3	FALL	SPRING
	POSC Elec	POSC Elec
	POSC Upper Div	POSC Upper Div

Year 4	FALL	SPRING
	POSC 410*	POSC 410 or POSC 420*
	POSC Upper Div	POSC Upper Div

*Courses are repeated to show flexible scheduling options and do not need to be taken more than once

Core Requirements (9 Credits): must complete three of the four introductory courses

- POSC 110: Introduction to American Politics
- POSC 120: Introduction to International Relations
- POSC 130: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POSC 212: Introduction to Public Administration

Political Theory Requirement (3 credits): must complete this course

- POSC 200: Introduction to Political Theory

Research Design/Methodology Requirement (3 credits): must complete this course

- POSC 201: Introduction to Political Research Design

Political Science Elective Requirements (12 credits): must take four political science elective courses; no 100-level courses allowed and a maximum of three credits may be taken at the 200-level; see [course catalog](#) for list of elective courses

Political Science Upper-Division Requirements (12 credits): must complete one 300-level or above course in four of the five designated subfields: American Politics, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, and Public Administration & Public Policy; see [course catalog](#) for list of elective courses

Political Science Capstone (3 credits): must complete one capstone course

- POSC 410: Seminar in American Politics (offered both Fall and Spring semesters)
- POSC 420: Seminar in International Relations (offered only in Spring semester)

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