

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 101*	POSC 101* (if not already completed)
		POSC 200*

Year 2	FALL	SPRING
	POSC 200* (if not already completed)	POSC 201* (if not already completed)
	POSC 201*	Emphasis Course 1
	Elective Course 1	Elective Course 2

Year 3	FALL	SPRING
	Emphasis Course 2	Elective Course 4
	Elective Course 3	Emphasis Course 4
	Emphasis Course 3	

Year 4	FALL	SPRING
	POSC 410 or POSC 420*	POSC 410 or POSC 420* (if not already completed)
	Elective Course 5	Emphasis Course 5

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

Core Requirement (3 credits): must complete this course

- POSC 101: Introduction to Political Science

Core Requirement (3 credits): must complete this course

- POSC 200: Introduction to Political Theory

Core Requirement (3 credits): must complete this course

- POSC 201: Introduction to Political Research Design

Political Science Elective Requirements (15 credits): At least 12 credits must be 300-level or above; see [course catalog](#) for list of elective courses

Political Science Emphasis Requirements (15 credits): Complete five courses, four of which must be 300-level or above, within one emphasis (Political Economy and Policy; American politics; Law and Justice; Quantitative and Analytical Science; and Security, Peace, and Conflict); see [course catalog](#) for list of elective courses

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

- POSC 410: Seminar in American Politics
- POSC 420: Seminar in International Relations

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