

Political Science

College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies

Credit Hours: 120 hours minimum Total - 34 credits for Major

Declaring the Major: Plan Declaration form may be submitted if a student has completed at least two courses in political science in courses numbered 100 through 105 with a grade of C or better and is in good academic standing.

Concentrations: None



First Year

Semester 1

Course	Credits	Course Notes	Category	Major GPA					Min. Grade	Grade	Complete
					Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer			
ENGL 101 - Composition and Reading	3	Reading and Writing Requirement	SK		●		●		C-		
MATH 102: Survey of Mathematics OR MATH 111: College Algebra I OR MATH 103 Elementary Statistics	3-4	Computational Requirement	SK		●		●		C-		
POLS Introductory Course (SS)	3	Choose from POLS 100, 103, 104, 105, or 202	MJ/ GE	●	●		●				
Gen Ed (HU): Humanities and Fine Arts	3		GE		●		●				
Foreign Language 103 - Modern Language	4		FL		●		●				

Total Credits: 16-17

Semester 2

Gen Ed (NS): Natural Science	3		GE		●		●				
Foreign Language 104 - Modern Language	4	Prereq: Foreign Language 103	FL		●		●				
POLS Introductory Course (SS)	3	Choose from POLS 100, 103, 104, 105, or 202	MJ/ GE	●	●		●				
Gen Ed (NS): Natural Science	3		GE		●		●				
Gen Ed (HU): Humanities and Fine Arts	3		GE		●		●				

Total Credits: 16

First Year Credit Total 32-33

WINTERIM YEAR 1 - OPTIONAL: Consult with your advisor whether winterim is appropriate for you in your first year.

SUMMER YEAR 1 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Summer courses is recommended for students who end their first year with less than 30 credit hours.

SK= Skills Requirement, GE = General Education Requirement, MJ = Major Requirement, SS = Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirement, HU = Humanities and Fine Arts Requirement, NS = Natural Science Requirement, DV = Diversity Requirement, FL= Foreign Language Requirement, EL = General Elective Requirement

Second Year

Semester 1

Course	Credits	Course Notes	Category	Major GPA	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Min. Grade	Grade	Complete
POLS Introductory Course (SS)	3	Choose from POLS 100, 103, 104, 105, or 202	MJ/ GE	●	●		●				
Gen Ed (NS): Natural Science	3		GE		●		●				
Gen Ed (SS): Social & Behavioral Sciences	3		GE		●		●				
Gen Ed (HU): Humanities and Fine Arts	3		GE		●		●				
Gen Ed (NS): Natural Science	3		GE		●		●				

Total Credits: 15

Semester 2

POLS Advanced Course	3	See academic catalog for eligible courses and prerequisites.	MJ		●		●				
POLS Advanced Course	3	See academic catalog for eligible courses and prerequisites.	MJ		●		●				
Gen Ed (SS): Social and Behavior Science	3		GE		●		●				
POLS 300+ Upper-Level Elective	3		MJ	●	●		●				
Gen Ed (HU): Humanities and Fine Arts	3		GE		●		●				

Total Credits: 15

Second Year Credit Total 30

WINTERIM YEAR 2 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Winterim courses is strongly recommended for students who have accumulated less than 45 credits.
 SUMMER YEAR 2 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Summer courses is recommended for students who end their second year with less than 60 credit hours.

SK= Skills Requirement, GE = General Education Requirement, MJ = Major Requirement, SS = Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirement, HU = Humanities and Fine Arts Requirement, NS = Natural Science Requirement, DV = Diversity Requirement, FL= Foreign Language Requirement, EL = General Elective Requirement

Third Year

Semester 1

Course	Credits	Course Notes	Category	Major GPA					Min. Grade	Grade	Complete
					Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer			
XXX: General Elective	3		EL		●		●				
POLS Advanced Course	3	See academic catalog for eligible courses and prerequisites.	MJ	●	●		●				
POLS 200: Research Methods and Sources	4	Prerequisites: Completion of the POLS introductory sequence	MJ	●	●						
POLS 300+ Upper Level Elective	3	See academic catalog for courses and prerequisites.	MJ	●	●						
XXX: General Elective	3		EL		●		●				

Total Credits: 16

Semester 2

XXX: General Elective	3		EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				

Total Credits: 15

Third Year Credit Total 31

WINTERIM YEAR 3 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Winterim courses is strongly recommended for students who have accumulated less than 75 credits.
 SUMMER YEAR 3 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Summer courses is recommended for students who end their third year with less than 90 credit hours.

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Fourth Year

Semester 1											
Course	Credits	Course Notes	Category	Major GPA	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Min. Grade	Grade	Complete
POLS 300+ Upper Level Elective	3	See academic catalog for courses and prerequisites.	MJ	●	●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
XXX: General Elective 300+ Level	3	If needed to meet upper level requirement	EL		●		●				
Total Credits: 15											
Semester 2											
POLS 445 - Senior Seminar	3	Prerequisite: Senior Standing	MJ	●	●		●				
XXXXX: General Elective	3		EL	●	●		●				
XXXXX: General Elective	3		EL	●	●		●				
XXXXX: General Elective	3		EL		●		●				
Total Credits: 12											
Fourth Year Credit Total 27											

WINTERIM YEAR 4 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Winterim courses is strongly recommended for students who have accumulated less than 105 credits.
 SUMMER YEAR 4 - OPTIONAL: Enrollment in Summer courses is recommended for students who end their fourth year with less than 120 credit hours.

SK= Skills Requirement, GE = General Education Requirement, MJ = Major Requirement, SS = Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirement, HU = Humanities and Fine Arts Requirement, NS = Natural Science Requirement, DV = Diversity Requirement, FL= Foreign Language Requirement, EL = General Elective Requirement

Milestone Checklist

Year 1:	
Complete Skills requirement (MATH 102/103/111 and ENGL 101).	
Complete Foreign Language requirement (if not completed in high school or in transfer coursework).	
Review DARS and meet with your advisor each semester.	
Create a CareerLocker account and create a resume using Resume Module.	
Declare major by submitting a plan declaration form.	
Year 2:	
Review DARS and attend mandatory advising sessions each semester.	
Complete General Education requirements.	
Register for RangerTrak and create a career profile	
Year 3:	
Review DARS and attend mandatory advising sessions each semester.	
Join LinkedIn, explore internships and graduate school options.	
Submit Graduation Application.	
Year 4:	
Review DARS and attend mandatory advising session.	
Update RangerTrak profile and resume, develop a job search strategy and attend Senior Send Off.	

Graduation Requirements Summary:

Minimum Total Hours: 120 credits

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 36 credits

Minimum Major hours: 38-39 credits

Minimum Major GPA: 2.0

Minimum Overall GPA: 2.0