

Political Science Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major: Eight-Semester Plan

This schedule is a guideline for those seeking to complete the B.S. degree for Political Science. It provides a suggested timeline of courses to take based on the major requirements. However, this schedule may not work for every student. Transfer credits, minor or second major requirements, summer school courses, study abroad participation, class availability, and other factors will influence scheduling from semester to semester. All students should consult with their department advisors about upcoming courses and scheduling.

I. General Requirements: 120 Hours

- 42 hours Liberal Studies Curriculum
- 36 hours PSC program requirements
- 42 hours within a minor or second major, and general electives

II. PSC B.S. Degree Requirements:

- Core (required) Courses – 15 hours PSC 101, 169, 230, 240, and 499
 - Students must earn a “C” or higher for core courses
- American Politics Elective (3 hours)
- Comparative Politics/International Relations Elective (3 hours)
- Other PSC Electives – 9 hours
- Political Analysis 2 (PSC 231) – 3 hours
- Engaged Experience – 3 hours

III. Suggested Schedule:

First Year: Fall		
Course	Hours	Notes
English 101: Composition 1	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C1)
Math 170: Applied Statistics	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C2)
PSC 101: American Government	3	PSC major requirement
First-Year Seminar	3	Liberal Studies requirement
History Course	3	Liberal Studies requirement (P3)
First Year: Spring		
Communications 201	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C3)
Health 111/123 or HSCC 101	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C4)
PSC 169: Global Politics	3	PSC major requirement
Physical or Biological Science	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C5)
English 102: Composition 2	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C2)

Second Year: Fall		
Course	Hours	Notes
PSC 230: Political Analysis 1 OR PSC 240: Political Theory	3	Pick one, both are PSC major requirements
Fine & Performing Arts Course	3	Liberal Studies requirement (P5)
PSC American Politics course	3	
Physical or Biological Science	3	Liberal Studies requirement (C5)
Minor/second major course	3	All PSC majors must have a minor or second major
Second Year: Spring		
PSC 230: Political Analysis 1 or PSC 240: Political Theory	3	Pick one, both are PSC major requirements
Minor/second major course	3	
Social Science Course, if needed, or minor course	3	Liberal Studies requirement (P1)(if not met by PSC 101)
PSC Comparative/International Relations course	3	
PSC elective course	3	

Third Year: Fall		
Course	Hours	Notes
PSC Engaged Experience	3	Required for all PSC
PSC 231 – Political Analysis 2 or other PSC elective	3	Required for all PSC BS majors; must be taken the semester following PSC 230 – Political Analysis I
PSC elective course	3	
Minor/second major course	3	
World Cultures course	3	Liberal Studies requirement (P6)(if not met by PSC 169)
Third Year: Spring		
PSC elective course	3	
Minor/second major courses	6	
PSC elective course	3	
Other general elective	3	

Fourth Year: Fall		
Course	Hours	Notes
PSC elective	3	
Minor/second major course	3	
Minor/second major course	3	
PSC elective	3	
Humanities course	3	Liberal Studies requirement (P4)
Fourth Year: Spring		
PSC 499 Capstone	3	Required for all PSC majors
PSC elective	3	
Minor/second major course	3	
Minor/second major course	3	
General electives	3	