

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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This Four-Year Plan is only one way a student may complete an L&S degree with this major. Many factors can affect student degree planning, including placement scores, credit for transferred courses, credits earned by examination, and individual scholarly interests. In addition, many students have commitments (e.g., athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, work and volunteer experiences) that necessitate they adjust their plans accordingly. Informed students engage in their own unique Wisconsin Experience by consulting their academic advisors, Guide, DARS, and Course Search & Enroll for assistance making and adjusting their plan.

First Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| POLI SCI 104, 120, 140, or 160 | 3-4 POLI SCI 104, 120, 140, or 160 (complete two) | 3-4 |
| Communications A | 3 Literature Breadth | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning A | 3 Foreign Language (if needed) | 4 |
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| | 14 | 15 |

Second Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
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| Declare the major | POLI SCI elective | 3 |
| POLI SCI/CHICLA 231, 297, or 355 (satisfies Ethnic Studies requirement) | 3-4 Communications B | 4 |
| POLI SCI 270, 274, or 348 (satisfies Quantitative Reasoning B requirement) | 3-4 Physical Science Breadth | 3 |
| Biological Science Breadth | 3 Literature Breadth | 3 |
| I/A COMP SCI, MATH or STAT (if BS) | 3 I/A COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) | 3 |
| INTER-LS 210 | 1 | |
| | 15 | 16 |

Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
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| POLI SCI course 300 and above | 4 POLI SCI course 300 and above | 3 |
| Humanities Breadth | 3 Humanities Breadth | 3 |
| Science Breadth | 3 Science Breadth | 3 |
| Elective | 4 Elective | 6 |

Apply for Senior Thesis (optional)¹

| Fourth Year | Credits Spring | Credits |
|---|---|-----------|
| POLI SCI course 300 and above | 4 POLI SCI course 300 and above | 6 |
| POLI SCI 681, 683, or 691 (optional) ¹ | 3-4 POLI SCI 682, 684, or 692 (optional) ¹ | 3-4 |
| Elective | 9 Elective | 6 |
| | 16 | 15 |

Total Credits 120

¹ Students wishing to write a senior thesis (with or without Honors) should apply in the spring of their third year.