

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

THREE-YEAR PLAN

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This Sample Three-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it –along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools – to make their own three-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests.

Three-year plans may vary considerably from student to student, depending on their individual preparation and circumstances. Students interested in graduating in three years should meet with an advisor as early as possible to discuss feasibility, appropriate course sequencing, post-graduation plans (careers, graduate school, etc.), and opportunities they might forgo in pursuit of a three-year graduation plan.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Students planning to graduate within three years with a Political Science major should enter the University with a minimum of 18 advanced standing credits, and have satisfied the following requirements with course credit or via placement examination:

- Communication Part A
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A
- 18 credits of any elective coursework
- 3-4 units of foreign language

Students missing one or more of these requirements upon entering the University should talk to their advisor about completing coursework over Summer terms to stay on track for a three year timeline.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
POLI SCI 104, 120, 140, or 160	4 Declare the Major	
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Biological Science Breadth	3 POLI SCI Elective	3
Literature Breadth	3 Communication B	4
Intermediate or Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Elective (if BA)	3 Literature Breadth	3
	Physical Science Breadth	3
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Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
POLI SCI/CHICLA 231, 297, or 355 (satisfies Ethnic Studies)	3-4 POLI SCI course 300 and above	4

POLI SCI 270, 274, or 348 (satisfies Quantitative Reasoning B)	4 POLI SCI course 300 and above	3
Humanities Breadth	3 Humanities Breadth	3
Science Breadth	3 Intermediate or Advanced COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if BS) or Elective (Intermediate or Advanced level) (if BA)	3
Elective	3 Elective (Intermediate or Advanced level)	3
	INTER-LS 210	1
	Apply for Senior Thesis (optional) ¹	

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Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
POLI SCI course 300 and above	4 POLI SCI course 300 and above	4
POLI SCI 681, 683, or 691 ¹	4 POLI SCI course 300 and above	3
Science Breadth	3 POLI SCI 682, 684, or 692 ¹	4
Electives (Intermediate or Advanced level)	6 Electives (Intermediate or Advanced level)	6
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Total Credits 101-102

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