

**SAMPLE COURSE PLAN**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**  
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

**FIRST YEAR**

\*First year students need to satisfy their USP (general education) requirements. Many Political Science courses are USP courses, so students can start their major while completing USP requirements. Political Science 101 (GC, SS, QII); Political Science 105 (SS, QII, QIII); Political Science 115 (GC, SS, QII) are required for the major and satisfy USP requirements.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
<b>Quest I Course:</b> _____(XL, XC or XS)  Paired with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking  <i>Quest Writing Options: WBIS 188 or Engl 110 (H)</i> <i>Quest Speaking Options: Comm 111 or Comm 112 (H)</i>	3    3	<b>Quest II Course:</b> _____(XL, XC or XS)  Concurrent Enrollment with Quest Writing OR Quest Speaking  <i>Quest Writing Options: WBIS 188 or Engl 110 (H)</i> <i>Quest Speaking Options: Comm 111 or Comm 112 (H)</i>	3    3
<b>Major Requirement:</b> <i>Political Science 101, 105, or 115</i>	3	<b>Major Requirement:</b> <i>Political Science 101, 105, or 115</i>	3
Math/PBIS (XM)	3	Lab Science (NS) (XL)	4
Lab Science (NS) (XL)	4	Math (Level 2)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**SECOND YEAR**

\*Second year students need to complete their USP requirements. Typically they have a Quest III to accomplish this year. PS 105 or 108 are offered as Quest III courses; PS 214 is a Quest III course offered in the spring. Political Science students should also complete Political Science 245 – Political Methodology in their 2nd year.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
<b>Quest III:</b> _____(XL, XC or XS)	3	Lab Science (NS)	4
<b>Major Requirement:</b> <i>Political Science 101, 105, or 115</i>	3	<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science 245	3
Explore Course	3	Explore Course	3
Lab Science (NS)	4	Humanities – Philosophy/Religious Studies (HU)(XC)	3
Political Science Upper Level Elective	3	Ethnic Studies Requirement (ES)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**THIRD YEAR**

\*Third year student have to complete their USP Connect course and need to be sure to take 300 level courses across the four Political Science subfields (groups 1 – 4). See your major advisor to plan out your final two years.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science Group 1 course	3	<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science Group 3 course	3
<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science Group 2 course	3	<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science Group 4 course	3
Advanced Writing Connect: Engl 300 (XK)	3	Humanities – Fine Arts (HU)(XC)	3
Humanities- Literature (HU)(XC)	3	Humanities – Choice (HU)(XC)	3
Political Science Upper Level Elective	3	Social Science – History (SS)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**FOURTH YEAR**

\*Fourth year students will complete the major capstone in Political Science.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits	SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
Political Science Upper Level Elective	3	Upper level elective	3
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Upper level elective	3	<b>Major Requirement:</b> Political Science 401	3
Upper level elective	3		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12</b>