

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-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 four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

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
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 B.S.)		3 I/A COMP SCI, MATH, or STAT (if B.S.)	3
INTER-LS 210		1	
		15	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
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	
		14	15

Fourth Year

Fall	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

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