

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE HONORS
FALL 2022 Requirements

The curriculum in the political science major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a political science degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
Political Science 141 American Government	3
General Education elective	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	14

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Political Science 101 Intro to Political Science	1
Political Science 250 Theory or 255 Comparative	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
US Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration).

Opportunities: The Legal Eagles learning experience is a great option for first-year students interested in the political science major or professions in law or law enforcement.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Political Science 301 Research Methods	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
BA World language course	4
Minor course	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 302 Writing in Political Science	3
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
BA World language course	4
Minor course	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: To declare the Political Science Honors emphasis, students need to plan for and complete an internship or travel study and a senior thesis. To support the thesis work, an undergraduate research grant proposal is required. For more information on Undergraduate Research programs and opportunities, visit www.edu/urp

Opportunities: Many Political Science majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Students in the Political Science Honors major have the option to complete an internship or travel study, or both. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education www.edu/international. In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
Political Science elective	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3
Total Credits	16-17

Spring Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
Political Science 491 Travel Study or 493 Internship	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

Opportunities: An internship (Political Science 493) or travel study (Political Science 491) is required for the Political Science Honors major. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Elective	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
Political Science 499	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Total Credits	12

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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