

**SAMPLE Four-Year Plan**  
**B.S. 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	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
<b>Political Science 141 American Government</b>	3	Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
<b>Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives</b>	3	<b>Political Science 101 Intro to Political Science</b>	1
General Education elective	3	<b>Political Science 250 Theory or 255 Comparative</b>	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1	Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1	US Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**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	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 301 Research Methods	3	Political Science 302 Writing in Political Science	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3	Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	3	BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	4-5	Minor course	3
General Education elective	3	Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**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.uww.edu/urp](http://www.uww.edu/urp)

**Opportunities:** Many Political Science majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.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
BS Requirement Lab Science course	4-5
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>

Spring Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement	3
Political Science 491 Travel Study or 493 Internship	3
BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**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
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

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

**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.uw.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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