

This example plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees within four years. It includes recommended sequences of courses. Individual plans will vary based on previously earned credit, such as Dual Enrollment and AP credit, as well as the student’s academic goals. Students will work with an academic advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

This example four-year plan is applicable to students admitted during the 2023–24 academic year.

Total credits required: 120 credits

Required GPA for graduation: 2.0 (institutional)

Courses requiring a C or better are denoted with an asterisk (*).

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Year 1							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
POLS 0001	First-Year Academic Seminar	1		ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	A
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I (pre-req to ENGL 1102)	3	A	GC1Y 1000	Critical Thinking (pre-req to GC2Y 2000)	3	B
POLS 1101*	American Government (pre-req to POLS 2201)	3	E	POLS 2201 or POLS 2350 or POLS 2401	State and Local Government or Intro to the Law or Intro to International Relations	3	F
POLS 2101*	Intro to Political Science (pre-req to POLS 3000)	3	F	Core Area A	Math (student’s choice)	3	A
Core Area C	Fine Arts (student’s choice)	3	C	Lang 1002	World Language II (1002-level)	3	F
Lang 1001	World Language I (1001-level)	3	Elective				
Semester Hours		16		Semester Hours		15	
Notes:	Students must complete a world language course at the 2002 level or higher. Complete the WebCAPE exam to determine placement for first course. Area A and GC1Y 1000 must be completed by 30 earned hours. First-Year Seminar is a graduation requirement and impacts a student’s GPA; however, it does not count toward the minimum of 120 semester hours required for a degree.						

Year 2							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
MATH 1401*	Elementary Statistics (pre-req to POLS 3000)	3	D	POLS 3000*	Research Design (pre-req to POLS 4000)	3	Major
GC2Y 2000	Global Perspectives	4	B	POLS Course*	American government course (see catalog for options)	3	Major
Core Area E	Social Science (student's choice)	3	E	Core Area D	Science with Lab (student's choice)	4	D
Lang 2001	World Language III (2001-level)	3	F	Core Area E	Social Science (student's choice)	3	E
				Lang 2002	World Language IV (2002-level)	3	F
Semester Hours		13		Semester Hours		16	
Summer	Students should become involved in organizations and continue to research ways to build their resume. Students are also encouraged to pursue Study Abroad the summer after Year 2 or Year 3.						
Notes:	GC2Y 2000 must be taken between 30–59 earned hours.						

Year 3							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
POLS 4000*	Systematic Analysis (pre-req to POLS 4920 and 4999)	3	Major	POLS Course*	International relations or comparative politics course (see catalog for options)	3	Major
POLS Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major	POLS Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major
Core Area C	Humanities and Ethics (student's choice)	3	C	Core Area D	Math, Science, or Technology (student's choice)	4	D
Core Area F	Additional coursework (see catalog for options)	3	F	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Semester Hours		15		Semester Hours		16	
Summer	Students are encouraged to pursue internships year 3. GC in DC, GBI, and Georgia Legislature internships are some options						
Notes:	Students may choose sets of courses for their 3000- and 4000-level POLS requirements to create an emphasis in public service and administration, pre-law, international politics, or American government. General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level).						

Year 4							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
POLS Course*	Political theory course (see catalog for options)	3	Major	POLS Course*	Any 3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major
POLS Elective*	Any 3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major	POLS 4920*	Senior Seminar Capstone	3	Major
Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Elective	Upper-Level Gen Elective	Any 3000- or 4000-level general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective	Gen Elective	Any general elective course	3	Elective
Semester Hours		15		Semester Hours		15	
Notes:	POLS 4920: Senior Seminar is only offered in the spring. POLS 4920 can be substituted, with faculty approval, by POLS 4999: Student Research. Students choosing this option must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. General electives can be in any discipline and any level (1000–4999, unless specified as upper-level).						

Legend	
Area	This section of the plan references the area of the curriculum the course fulfills.
A	Core Area A: Essential Skills
B	Core Area B: Institutional Options
C	Core Area C: Humanities, Ethics, and Fine Arts
D	Core Area D: Science, Technology, and Math
E	Core Area E: Social Sciences
F	Core Area F: Major Directed Core Requirements
Major	Political Science Major Requirements
Elective	Course(s) a student selects. Hours are needed to meet overall graduation hours. Number of electives varies per major. Electives can be used towards GC Journeys, minors, or professional/graduate school pre-requisites, or to take courses of interest.