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Political Science, B.A.
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The recommended four-year plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees within four years. These plans include the recommended sequences of courses. Individual plans will vary based on previously earned credit such as Dual Enrollment and AP credit as well as student's academic goals. Students will work with an Academic Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

The GC Journeys Program will transform your way of thinking and experiencing college. By participating in five inside and outside the classroom transformative experiences during your time at Georgia College, you will step outside of your usual surroundings, gain authentic experiences, solve problems, become a leader, participate in real-world settings and put ideas into action.

All students will complete the First-Year Experience, Career Planning Milestones, and a Capstone course in your major. Students will choose two additional experiences from: Intensive Leadership Experiences, Mentored Undergraduate Research, Community-Based Engaged Learning, Internships, and Study Abroad/Study Away.

This recommended Four-Year Plan is applicable to students admitted during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Total Credits Required: 120 credits

Required GPA for Graduation: 2.0 (overall)

Courses requiring a C or better are denoted with a star (*)

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Year 1									
Fall					**Spring**				
Course	**Title**	**Hours**	**Area**	**✓**	**Course**	**Title**	**Hours**	**Area**	**✓**
POLS 0001	First-Year Seminar	1			ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	A	
POLS 1150	Politics & Society	3	E,F		GC1Y 1000	GC1Y Critical Thinking	3	B	
POLS 2101	Intro to Political Science	3	F		POLS 2xxx	POLS 2202, 2350, or 2401	3	F	
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	Area		MATH 1xxx	Area A Math Choice	3	A	
Core Choice	Area C2 Fine Arts Choice	3	C2		Foreign Lang.	Froegn Language 1002	3	Elect.	
Foreign Lang.	Foreign Language 1001	3	Elect.						
Semester Hours		**16**			**Semester Hours**		**15**		
Notes:	Area A and GC1Y 1000 must be completed by 30 earned hours. First-Year Seminar does not count toward 120 hours required for graduation. A 2002 foreign language course is a degree requirement. Students should thake the Language Placement Exam (CAPE) to determine the language level that is most appropriate for the student.								

Year 2									
Fall					**Spring**				
Course	**Title**	**Hours**	**Area**	**✓**	**Course**	**Title**	**Hours**	**Area**	**✓**
POLS 3000	Research Design	3	Major		POLS xxxx	American Government Choice	3	Major	
GC2Y 2000	GC2Y Global Perspectives	4	B		Foreign Lang.	Foreign Language 2002	3	Major	
Foreign Lang.	Foreign Language 2001	3	Elect.		MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics	3	D, F	
Core Choice	Area D Science, Math, or Tech Choice	3	D		Core Choice	Area D Science and Lab	4	D, F	
Core Choice	Area D Science Lab or Tech. Choice	1	D		Core Choice	Area E Social Sciences Choice 2	3	E	
Semester Hours		**14**			**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:	POLS 3000 Research Design is only offered in the fall. GC2Y 2000 must be taken between 30-59 earned hours.								

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<tr><td>Core Choice</td><td>Area C1 Humanities and Ethics</td><td>3</td><td>C1</td><td></td><td>Core Choice</td><td>Area E Social Sciences Choice 3</td><td>3</td><td>E</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>Core Choice</td><td>Area F Choice</td><td>3</td><td>F</td><td></td><td>POLS xxxx</td><td>Int. or Comparative Gov. Choice</td><td>3</td><td>Major</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>POLS 4000</td><td>Systematic Analysis</td><td>3</td><td>Major</td><td></td><td>POLS xxxx</td><td>POLS at the 3000-4000 level</td><td>3</td><td>Major</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td>Summer</td><td colspan="9">Students are encouraged to pursue internships year 3. GC in DC, GBI, and Georgia Legislature internships are available for students to pursue.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Notes:</td><td colspan="9">POLS 3000-4000 Course Options: students can choose to pursue courses in the following tracks: Public Service & Administration, International Relations, Pre-Law, and American Government.
Prerequisites: POLS 3000 Research Design mut be taken before POLS 4000 Systematic Analysis.
Minors and Certificates: student are encouraged to pursue a minor or certificate program. Students should plan to take courses towards these options where "Elective" is listed.</td></tr>
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POLS 4920 Senior Seminar is only offered in the spring.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>F</td><td>Core Area F: Major Directed Core</td></tr>
<tr><td>Major</td><td>Major Required Course</td></tr>
<tr><td>Elective (Elec)</td><td>Course(s) a student selects. Hours are needed meet overall graduation hours. Number of electives varies per major. Electives can be used towards GC Journeys, minors, professional/graduate school pre-requisites or to take courses of interest.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cognate</td><td>Cognate courses are required courses within a students curriculum. These courses are connected to the major but may be from other academic disciplines.</td></tr>
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