

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 2024–25 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 (*). Legend is available on the last page of this document.

Year 1							
Fall				Spring			
Course	Title	Hours	Area	Course	Title	Hours	Area
POLS 0001	First-Year Academic Seminar	1		GC1Y 1000	Critical Thinking (student’s choice) (pre-req to GC2Y 2000)	3	Core
ENGL 1101*	English Composition I (pre-req to ENGL 1102)	3	Core	ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	Core
POLS 1101*	American Government (pre-req to POLS 2201)	3	Core	POLS 2201 or POLS 2350 or POLS 2401	State and Local Government or Intro to the Law or Intro to International Relations	3	Field
POLS 2101*	Intro to Political Science (pre-req to POLS 3000)	3	Field	Core Math*	Math (student’s choice) (pre-req to MATH 1401)	3	Core
Core Art	Fine Arts (student’s choice)	3	Core	Lang 1002	World Language II (1002-level)	3	Field
Lang 1001	World Language I (1001-level)	3	Elective				
Total Semester Hours:		16		Total 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. ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, Core Math, and GC1Y 1000 must be completed by 30 earned hours. First-Year Academic 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	Core	POLS 3000*	Research Design (pre-req to POLS 4000)	3	Major
GC2Y 2000	Global Perspectives (student's choice)	4	Core	POLS Course*	American Government course (see catalog for options)	3	Major
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	The United States to 1877 or The United States Since 1877	3	Core	Core Social Science	Social Science (student's choice)	3	Core
Core Humanities	Humanities and Ethics (student's choice)	3	Core	Core Science	Science with Lab (student's choice)	4	Core
Lang 2001	World Language III (2001-level)	3	Field	Lang 2002	World Language IV (2002-level)	3	Field
Total Semester Hours:		16		Total Semester Hours:		16	
Summer	Students should become involved in organizations and continue to research ways to build their resume. Students are also encouraged to study abroad during 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*	3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major	POLS Elective*	3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major
Field of Study Course	Additional coursework (see catalog for options)	3	Field	Core STEM	Math, Science, or Technology (student's choice)	4	Core
Gen Elective	Any 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
Total Semester Hours:		12		Total Semester Hours:		16	
Summer	Students are encouraged to pursue internships in Year 3, such as GC in DC, GBI, or the Georgia Legislature.						
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 4920*	Senior Seminar Capstone	3	Major
POLS Elective*	3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	3	Major	POLS Elective*	3000- or 4000-level POLS elective	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
Total Semester Hours:		15		Total 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.
Core	Core IMPACTS — coursework required for every student regardless of major, which includes the following areas: Institutional Priority (GC1Y 1000 and GC2Y 2000); Mathematics and Quantitative Skills; Political Science and U.S. History; Arts, Humanities, and Ethics; Communicating in Writing; Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences; and Social Sciences.
Field	Core Field of Study courses, part of each major's requirements. These courses prepare students for further study in their chosen major field. Field of Study courses are specific to each major program.
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.