



Pitt State

Geographical and Political Sciences (Political Science), Bachelor of Science

Name: _____
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This academic degree map is a term-by-term course schedule designed for you to graduate in four years. The sample schedule below serves as a general guideline to building a full-time schedule for each term. Earning a degree requires that you complete (1) the required General Education courses, (2) the course requirements of your major and (3) any requirements PSU has designated for a Bachelor degree. Courses and special notes are specified to keep you on track to graduate in four years. Where open elective is listed, it means that you may take a course of your choosing, perhaps a course in an area outside of your major, but be sure to discuss this with your advisor.

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement – contact your advisor if you have any questions throughout the term and as you begin planning for the next. The University Catalog is also available as a resource with a complete list of requirements for all degrees offered at PSU.

Recommended 4-years to graduation plan

Code	Semester 1 - FRESHMAN YEAR	Credit	NOTES
POLS 101	U.S.Politics (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰ Suggested	3	
ENGL 101	English Composition (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	C or better
HHP 150	Lifetime Fitness Concepts (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰ Suggested	1	
UGS 150	Gorilla Gateway (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	2	
Bucket 050	Social & Behavioral Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3	
Bucket 060	Arts & Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

Code	Semester 2 - FRESHMAN YEAR	Credit	NOTES
POLS 103	Comparative Politics (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰ Suggested	3	
Bucket 030	Math & Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	
ENGL 299	Intro to Research Writing (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	C or better
Bucket 060	Arts & Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	
100+	Minor Course	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

	Semester 3 - SOPHOMORE YEAR	Credit	NOTES
POLS 201	Intro to Public Policy (or POLS 102)	3	
300+	American Government Elective	3	
300+	International Relations Elective	3	
Bucket 040	Natural & Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4	
300+	Minor Course	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		16	

	Semester 4 - SOPHOMORE YEAR	Credit	NOTES
SOSCI 388	Social Research Analysis	4	
POLS 450	Political Philosophy	3	
COMM 207	Speech Communication (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3	
300+	Comparative Politics Elective	3	
300+	Minor Course	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		16	

	Semester 5 - JUNIOR YEAR	Credit	NOTES
300+	Law & Policy Elective	3	
300+	Political Science Elective	3	
300+	Minor Course	3	
300+	Minor Course	3	
100+	Minor Course	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

	Semester 6 - JUNIOR YEAR	Credit	NOTES
300+	Political Science Elective	3	
300+	Political Science Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

	Semester 7 - SENIOR YEAR	Credit	NOTES
300+	Political Science Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

	Semester 8 - SENIOR YEAR	Credit	NOTES
POLS 686	Research Methods in Political Science	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	1	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		13	

Writing to Learn: Typically one from general education and one in major coursework.

Systemwide General Education (SGE) Key

- 010 English
- 020 Communications
- 030 Math & Statistics
- 040 Natural & Physical Sciences
- 050 Social & Behavioral Sciences
- 060 Arts & Humanities
- 070 Institutionally Designated