

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A. (ALTOONA)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Altoona

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2021-22 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (*Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

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The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PLSC 1, 3, 14, or 17*	3 PLSC 1, 3, 14, or 17*	3
ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 [‡]	3 Political Science Elective*	3
PSU 3	1 World Language Course Level 2	4
World Language Course Level 1	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	
	17	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PLSC 1, 3, 14, or 17*	3 PLSC 1, 3, 14, or 17*	3
Political Science Elective*	3 World Language Course Level 4	4
World Language Course Level 3	4 CAS 100 [‡]	3
STAT 100 or 200 [‡]	3-4 General Education Course	3
ENGL 202A or 202C [‡]	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
	16-17	14.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Political Science 400-level Course*	3 Political Science 400-level Course*	3
Political Science Elective Course	3 Political Science 400-level Course*	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
US Cultures Course	3 General Education Course	3

Other Cultures Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Political Science 400-level Course*	3 Political Science 400-level Course*	3
Political Science Elective	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
Elective	3 Elective	3
International Cultures Course (IL)	3 Elective	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	15	13.5

Total Credits 122-123

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in Other Cultures. See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as Other Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-other-cultures/>).