### Political Science, B.A. (Behrend)

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** Erie

### Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2023-24 academic year. To access previous years’ suggested academic plans, please visit the archive([https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/](https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/)) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

### Political Science, B.A. at Erie Campus

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 plan or 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.

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* 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 Cultural Diversity 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.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of ‘C’ or better.

### 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/](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/other-cultures/](https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/other-cultures/)).

1. Quantification of Natural Science  
2. Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN ; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component  
3. Foreign Language (Level One)  
4. This requirement is governed by placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.  
5. Arts, Humanities, or Social and Behavioral Science.  
6. Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major.
PL SC 400-level
W and Y are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University
Writing Across the curriculum requirements.

BA Knowledge Domains
Students are permitted to complete all 9 credits in an one of six
domains or a combination thereof, but courses may not be taken in
the area of the student’s primary major. The six domains are ARTS
(GA), Humanities (GH), Social & Behavioral Sciences (GS), Natural
Sciences (GN), Quantification (GQ), and Foreign Language if the
coursework is in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit
proficiency of the first foreign language.

Additional Notes
Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be
completed within the degree requirements.

Program Notes: Students can double count US & IL requirements for
general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.

Academic Advising Notes: The course series listed above is only one
of many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of
electives required varies per student. Please be sure to consult with an
adviser about your intended plan.