



Four-Year Degree Plan: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

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This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in eight semesters. This document is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes only and is intended for use in consultation with a Professional Academic or Faculty advisor. **Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the [MSU Denver catalog](#) for degree requirements.**

Year One					
Semester 1			Semester 2		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3	ENG 1020	Research and Argument	3
PSC 1010	American National Gov.	3	PSC 1020	Comparative Politics	3
MTH	Quantitative Literacy	3	NPS	Natural & Physical Science	3
AH	Arts & Humanities (GD)	3	Minor	Minor Course	3
OC	Oral Comm	3	HIS	History	3
Semester 1 Total		15	Semester 2 Total		15

Year Two					
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
PSC 2500	Search for Knowledge in PSC	3	PSC 3050	Political Theory	3
PSC 2230	Intro to International Relations	3	PSC	Any PSC Elec	3
NPS	Natural & Physical Science	3	Minor	Minor Course	3
Minor	Minor Course	3	Elec.	Any Elective	3
AH	Art & Humanities	3	SBS	Social & Behavioral Science (ESSJ)	3
Semester 3 Total		15	Semester 4 Total		15

Year Three					
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
PSC UD	Upper Division PSC Elective	3	Minor	Minor Course	3
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Minor	Minor Course	3	PSC UD	Upper Division PSC Elective	3
SBS	Social & Behavioral Science	3	PSC 3500	Conducting Quant PSC Analysis	3
PSC	Any PSC Elect	3	Elec	Any Elective	3
Semester 5 Total		15	Semester 6 Total		15

Year Four					
Semester 7			Semester 8		
Fall		Credits	Spring		Credits
PSC UD	Upper Division PSC Elec	3	Minor	Minor Course	3
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Minor	Minor Course	3	Elec	Any Elective	3
Elec	Any Elective	3	Elec	Any Elective	3
Elec	Any Elective	3	Elec	Any Elective	3
Semester 7 Total		15	Semester 8 Total		15

Program Total: 120

A minimum of 24 additional semester hours of political science must be completed. At least 18 of these 24 hours must be upper-division courses (3000- and 4000- level). Students are encouraged to develop a path within the political science major based on their professional and personal interests. These paths include but are not limited to, American Politics, Comparative and International Politics, Public Affairs, and Legal Studies. Upon declaring a political science major, students should meet with an advisor to plan their coursework for timely graduation.

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Detailed Course Listing

General Studies

ENG	First Year Writing	6
A&H	Arts and Humanities	6
MTH	Quantitative Literacy	3
HIS	Historical	3
OC	Oral Comm	3
SBS	Social & Behavioral Science	6
NPS	Natural & Physical Science	6
General Studies Total		33

Core Requirements

PSC 1010	American National Government	3
PSC 1020	Comparative Politics	3
PSC 2230	Intro to International Relations	3
PSC 2500	Search for Knowledge in PSC	3
PSC 3050	Political Theory	3
PSC 3500	Conducting Quant PSC Analysis	3
PSC 4020	Democracy Senior Seminar	3
Core Requirements Total		21

Specific Degree Requirements

PSC	Upper Division Electives	18
Specific Degree Requirements Total		18

Program Totals

General Studies Requirements	33
Major Credits	45
Minor	21
Unrestricted Electives	21
Total to Graduate	120