

Political Science

Recommended Graduation Plan (Fall 2025)

The recommended graduation plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees on time. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree.

NOTE: This recommended Graduation Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2025-2026 academic year.

CRWT Placement
CRWT 101 to CRWT 102
CRWT 101S to CRWT 102S

Math Placement
MATH 021/022 to MATH 104-121

NOTE: CRWT and MATH courses are determined by placement testing and should be taken following the sequence above. HGS School Core Language Proficiency Requirement and Placement.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Gen Ed: INTD 101-First Year Seminar	4		Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning	4	
Gen Ed: CRWT 102-Critical Reading & Writing II	4		General Education Requirement	4	
General Education Requirement	4		General Education Requirement	4	
Major: POLI 223 American Government + (double counts as Gen Ed Distribution Category: Social Systems and Society)	4		Major: POLI 205-Modern Comparative Politics	4	
Career Pathways: PATH HG1 – Career Pathways Module 1	Degree Rqmt.				
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
General Education Requirement	4		General Education Requirement	4	
General Education Requirement	4		Major: POLI 206-Political Theory+	4	
Major: POLI 235-International Politics	4		Major: 200/300 Level Political Science Elective	4	
School Core: Language I ^{#*} (some languages may fulfill Gen Ed: Global Awareness)	4		School Core: Language II [*]	4	
Career Pathways: PATH HG2 – Career Pathways Module 2	Degree Rqmt.		Career Pathways: PATH HG3 – Career Pathways Module 3	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Third Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major: POLI 316-Political Science Methodology	4		Study Abroad/Co-Op/DC Internship***	4	
Major: 300 Level Political Science Elective	4		Study Abroad/Co-Op/DC Internship	4	
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School Core: Language III*	4		Study Abroad/Co-Op/DC Internship	4	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Major: 300 Level Political Science Elective	4		Major: POLI 405-Political Science Seminar	4	
Major: 300 Level Political Science Elective	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
Major: 200/300 Level Political Science Elective	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
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Total:	16				
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Total Credits Required: 128 credits

GPA: 2.0

General Education courses can be done in any order with the exception of INTD 101, CRWT and MATH. Those three general education courses will need to be done first. First Year Seminar is taken in the first semester. Failure to complete CRWT and MATH will result in a hold when the student hits 64 credits. The following general education courses can be done in any order. For more info on these courses, please visit the [General Education program requirements website in the College Catalog](#):

- Social Science Inquiry (SOSC 110) [+W]
- Scientific Reasoning
- Historical Perspectives [+W]
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (CRWT 102 is a prerequisite to this course) [+W]
- Global Awareness [+W]
- Distribution Category (Social Systems & Society **OR** Culture & Creativity **OR** Values and Ethics) (**Must be outside of HGS**)
- Distribution Category

+W: Students transferring in with 48 or more credits are waived from these general education requirements.

+ May double count in General Education and Major

Passing any Language class as part of the school core fulfills the General Education Global Awareness requirement. Students testing out of the school core language requirement need to take a class from the General Education Global Awareness list.

* Entering Language courses at the 300 Level indicates fulfillment of the school core Language requirement.

** Students may count up to 2 classes for the major or Unit toward the general education program. POLI 223 American Government is a required class for the major and satisfies the Gen Ed: Systems, Sustainability, and Society distribution category. Students have to take one class in either Gen Ed: Culture & Creativity or Gen Ed: Values and Ethics distribution categories. Students satisfying the Gen Ed: Global Awareness category by completing the school core language requirement are not permitted to double count any courses other than POLI 223 in the general education program. Students who do not use the school core language requirement for the Gen Ed: Global Awareness category may be able to use a second POLI class for the general education program. Please consult with your academic adviser when considering double-counting classes within the major and general education program.

***The Political Science major strongly recommends a Study Abroad but does not require one. Spring Semester of Junior Year is suggested for the Study Abroad.

******Internship Requirement:** All students must complete a 120-hour internship/coop for 2 credits (AIID 388) prior to graduation. Alternatively, students can apply for the Washington Internship Institute (WII) for a semester-long internship as well as taking classes in Washington DC. Students who are interested in WII should consult with their Major Advisor for greater details.

Writing Intensive Requirement (5 courses): please note that 2 writing intensive courses in the general education curriculum are required: Critical Reading and Writing and Studies in the Arts and Humanities; Within the major, the 3 courses will be Political Science Methodology, Political Science Seminar, and Modern Comparative Politics or International Politics.