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Social Science (Political Science), Bachelor of Science

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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
Bucket 070	Institutionally Designated (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	1	
UGS 150	Gorilla Gateway (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	2	
SOC 100	Intro to Sociology (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰ Suggested	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	
MATH 143	Elementary Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3	
ENGL 299	Intro to Research Writing (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3	C or better
Bucket 060	Arts & Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3	
GEOG 106	World Regional Geography	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

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

	Semester 4 - SOPHOMORE YEAR	Credit	
SOSCI 387	Social Research Design	3	
POLS 450	Political Philosophy	3	
COMM 207	Speech Communication (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3	
300+	Comparative Politics Elective	3	
300+	Open Elective	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

	Semester 5 - JUNIOR YEAR	Credit	
300+	GEOG Elective	3	
300+	POLS Elective	3	
SOSCI 388	Social Research Analysis	3	
300+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		15	

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

	Semester 7 - SENIOR YEAR	Credit	
100+	Open 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	
SOSCI 695	Social Science Capstone	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	3	
100+	Open Elective	2	
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		14	

Systemwide General Education (SGE) Key

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

