

A Major Academic Plan (MAP) illustrates one way to complete a degree in a recommended number of semesters. Below is an example of an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans will vary by individual student needs. Program requirements are based on Catalog Year. See page two for a detailed summary of Major, General Education, Elective, and university requirements.

Catalog Year 2017-2018

BA/BS, Political Science

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| **Course Subject and Title** | **Cr.** | **Min.**  **Grade** | **\*GE,**  **UU or UM** | **\*\*Sem. Offered** | **Prerequisite** | **Co Requisite** |
| Semester One | | | | | | |
| GE Objective 1: ENGL 1101 English Composition | 3 | C- | GE |  | Appropriate placement score |  |
| GE Objective 3: Math | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 6: POLS 1101 – Intro to US Government | 3 | C | GE | F, S, Su |  |  |
| Electives | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Two | | | | | | |
| GE Objective 1: ENGL 1102 Critical Reading and Writing | 3 | C- | GE |  | ENGL 1101 or equivalent |  |
| GE Objective 5: Natural Science with Lab | 4 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 7: POLS 2202—Intro to Politics Critical Thinking and Analysis | 3 | C | GE | F, S, Su |  |  |
| POLS 2221 – Intro to International Relations | 3 |  |  | F, S |  |  |
| Elective | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Three | | | | | | |
| GE Objective 2: COMM 1101 | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 4: Humanities/Fine Arts/Language | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| POLS 3331 –Comparative Politics Framework for Analysis | 3 |  | UM | F, S, SU |  |  |
| POLS 4442 –Constitutional Law  **OR** POLS 4443 –Civil Rights and Liberties | 3 |  | UM | F  S |  |  |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Four |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 5: Natural Science | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 9: Cultural Diversity | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| POLS 3313 –Intro to Political Philosophy | 3 |  | UM | F, S |  |  |
| POLS elective | 3 |  | UM |  |  |  |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Five |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 4: Humanities/Fine Arts/Language | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| POLS 4403 –The Presidency  **OR** POLS 4404 –Legislative Process | 3 |  | UM | F, SU  S, SU |  |  |
| POLS elective | 3 |  | UM |  |  |  |
| Electives | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Six |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GE Objective 6: Behavioral/ Social Science | 3 |  | GE |  |  |  |
| POLS 4401 –Political Parties and Interest Groups  **OR** POLS 4427 –Voting and Public Opinion | 3 |  | UM | S, SU  F |  |  |
| POLS elective | 3 |  | UM |  |  |  |
| Upper Division Elective | 3 |  | UU |  |  |  |
| Elective | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Seven |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| POLS 4460 | 3 |  | UM | F, S |  |  |
| Upper Division Elective | 3 |  | UU |  |  |  |
| Electives | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semester Eight |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| POLS elective | 3 |  | UM |  |  |  |
| Electives | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| \*GE=General Education Objective, UU=Upper Division University, UM= Upper Division Major  \*\*See Course Schedule section of Course Policies page in the e-catalog (or input F, S, Su, etc.) | | | | | | |

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| **2017-2018 Major Requirements** | **CR** | **2017-2018 GENERAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES**  **Satisfy Objectives 1,2,3,4,5,6 (7 or 8) and 9** | | | | | | **36 cr. min** |
| **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS** | **33** | 1. Written English (6 cr. min) ENGL 1101 | | | | | | 3 |
| POLS 1101 Intro to US Government (counted in OBJ 6) | | ENGL 1102 | | | | | | 3 |
| POLS 2202 Intro to Politics & Critical Thinking (counted in OBJ 7) | | 2. Spoken English (3 cr. min) COMM 1101 | | | | | | 3 |
| POLS 2221 Intro to International Relations | 3 | 3. Mathematics (3 cr. min) | | | | | |  |
| POLS 3313 Intro to Political Philosophy | 3 | 4. Humanities, Fine Arts, Foreign Lang. **(2 courses; 2 categories; 6 cr. min)** | | | | | | |
| POLS 3331 Comparative Politics Framework for Analysis | 3 |  | | | | | |  |
| POLS 4404 Political Parties and Interest Groups  **OR** POLS 4427 Voting and Public Opinion | 3 |  | | | | | |  |
| POLS 4403 The Presidency  **OR** POLS 4404 Legislative Process | 3 | 5. Natural Sciences **(2 lectures-different course prefixes, 1 lab; 7 cr. min)** | | | | | | |
| Pols 4442 Constitutional Law  **OR** POLS 4443 Civil Rights and Liberties | 3 |  | | | | | |  |
| POLS 4460 Senior Seminar | 3 |  | | | | | |  |
|  |  |  | | | | | |  |
|  |  | 6. Behavioral and Social Science **(2 courses-different prefixes; 6 cr. min)** | | | | | | |
| **POLS Electives (excluding POLS 4459)** | **12** | POLS 1101 Intro to US Government | | | | | | 3 |
|  |  |  | | | | | |  |
|  |  | One Course from EITHER Objective 7 OR 8 **(1course; 3 cr. min)** | | | | | | |
|  |  | 7. Critical Thinking: POLS 2202 Intro to Politics & Critical Thinking | | | | | | 3 |
|  |  | 8. Information Literacy | | | | | |
|  |  | 9. Cultural Diversity **(1 course; 3 cr. min)** | | | | | | |
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|  |  | General Education Elective to reach 36 cr. min. **(if necessary)** | | | | | | |
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|  |  | Total GE | | | | | | 37 |
|  |  | GE Objectives Courses:  [2017-2018 General Education Requirements (PDF)](http://www.isu.edu/media/libraries/central-academic-advising/pdf-files/gened-requirements/2017-2018-General-Education-Requirements.pdf) | | | | | | |
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|  |  | **MAP Credit Summary** | | | | | **CR** | |
|  |  | Major | | | | | 33 | |
|  |  | General Education | | | | | 37 | |
|  |  | Free Electives to reach 120 credits | | | | | 50 | |
|  |  | TOTAL | | | | | 120 | |
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|  |  | **Graduation Requirement Minimum Credit Checklist** | | | **Confirmed** | | | |
|  |  | Minimum 36 cr. General Education Objectives (15 cr. AAS) | | | X | | | |
|  |  | Minimum 16 cr. Upper Division in Major (0 cr. Associate) | | |  | X | | |
|  |  | Minimum 36 cr. Upper Division Overall (0 cr. Associate) | | |  | X | | |
|  |  | Minimum of 120 cr. Total (60 cr. Associate) | | |  | X | | |
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| **Advising Notes** | | ***MAP Completion Status (for internal use only)*** | | | | | | |
| Admission:  Completion of 24 credits;  2.25 minimum GPA;  Completion of GE Objectives 1, 2, and 3;  Completion of POLS 1101 and 2202 with a C or better  Signed agreement | |  | *Date* | | | | | |
|  | | *Department:* | 03/13/2017 | | | | | |
|  | | *CAA or COT:* | 03/13/2017 | | | | | |
|  | | *Registrar:* |  | | | | | |
| **Career Information for Political Science Majors:** | |  | | | | | | |
| [An Ideal Liberal Arts Major](http://www.apsanet.org/CAREERS/An-Ideal-Liberal-Arts-Major) (electronic link) | |
| [What Can I Do With This Major?](http://polisci.msu.edu/index.php/undergraduate-program/postgraduate-and-career-opportunities/careers) (electronic link) | |
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