Political Science BA / Accelerated 3-Year Plan (Sample)

This academic map is a sample 3-year schedule to complete your major in an accelerated format. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections. Courses in red text should be taken in the semester shown. This will help you graduate on time.

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**Fall Year 1**
- INTDIS 1003: University Studies
- ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing
- POL SCI 1100: Intro to American Politics
- POL SCI 1500: Intro to Comp. Politics
- LANG 1001 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language

**Spring Year 1**
- MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics
- GEN ED: Communication
- GEN ED: Humanities and Fine Arts
- LANG 1002 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language
- POL SCI 2900: Studies in Political Science

**Summer Year 1**
- LANG 2101 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language
- POL SCI 1800: World Politics

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**Fall Year 2**
- ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing
- POL SCI area requirement #1
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- GEN ED: Communication
- GEN ED: Math/Science

**Spring Year 2**
- POL SCI area requirement #2
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- GEN ED: Math/Science
- GEN ED: Humanities and Fine Arts
- Elective

**Summer Year 2**
- POL SCI 3940: Public Affairs Internship
- POL SCI 3260: Supreme Court

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**Fall Year 3**
- POL SCI 2000: Political Analysis
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI area requirement #3
- Elective
- GEN ED: Math/Science

**Spring Year 3**
- POL SCI 3950: Senior Seminar
- POL SCI area requirement #4
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- GEN ED: Humanities and Fine Arts

Degree Complete!

*Control the pace* by taking courses in the two-week January term or as Advanced Credit (ACP) courses in high school to jumpstart your degree program.
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- Missouri State Treasurer
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- St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission Executive
- Senior Director of Research for Express Scripts
- President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen
- Director of Administration, St. Clair County, Illinois

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Example Career Pathways

- Policy analysis
- Legislative assistant
- Political consultant
- Attorney
- Arbitrator
- Urban and regional planners
- Community service manager
- Teacher
- A variety of work in nonprofit organizations

Skills

- Explain the history, characteristics, and impact of legal, economic, and political institutions and systems, including international, national, state, and local governance.
- Apply various methods, tools, and sources applicable to the discipline of political science to answer important policy and political questions.
- Compare and contrast different ideologies, theories, and interpretations of politics.
- Assess political issues, formulate evidence-based recommendations, and communicate them with clarity and coherence.
- Plan, execute, and defend a major research project.

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