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.

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

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 or Minor

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

Fall Year 3
- POL SCI 2000: Political Analysis
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI 2000+ Elective
- POL SCI area requirement #3
- Elective or Minor
- 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
- 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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- Senior Director of Research for Express Scripts
- President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen
- Director of Administration, St. Clair County, Illinois

Many of our alumni go on to graduate school and law school.

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.

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

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