

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE LEGAL STUDIES
FALL 2020 Requirements

The curriculum in the political science major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a political science degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Political Science 141 American Government	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
Total Credits	14

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Political Science 240 Law and Society	3
Political Science 101 Intro to Political Science	1
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration).

Opportunities: The Legal Eagles Learning Community is a great option for first-year students interested in the political science major or professions in law or law enforcement. Interested students can sign up through their housing application or at orientation. For more information, visit www.uwu.edu/fye/learning-community/legal.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
Political Science 301 Research Methods	3
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement course	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
BA World Language course	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 302 Writing in Political Science	3
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement course	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
BA World Language course	4
Total Credits	14-15

Notes: By completing the requirements of the Political Science Legal Studies major, you will also earn the paralegal certificate. This is an additional credential that is posted to your transcript at graduation.

Opportunities: Many Political Science majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uwu.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement course	3	Political Science 419 The Judicial Process	3
Political Science Public Law course	3	Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement course	3
Legal Studies Breadth course	3	Finance/Business Law course	3
Finance/Business Law course	3	Legal Studies Breadth course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3	BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: The Political Science 493 Internship can be completed for 1-12 credits and while listed in the fourth year on this plan, can also be completed in the third year or during a summer session. Students must arrange an internship through the department internship coordinator and enroll for credit. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

Opportunities: Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a minor or certificate without extending time to degree. The College of Letters and Sciences offers 14 certificates to include Diversity Leadership, Applied Research, Professional Writing and Publishing, and Web Site Development and Administration. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Political Science 493 Internship (see notes)	3	Political Science 418 Legal Research and Writing	3
Political Science Area 1-5 Requirement course	3	Political Science Public Law course	3
Political Science Public Law course	3	Elective course	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3	Elective course	3
Elective course	3	Elective course	3
Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15

Notes: All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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