

University of Wyoming Sample Four-Year Degree Plan
Catalog Year: 2019-20

Political Science, BA/BS



This sample degree plan is a guide, to be used for planning in consultation with your academic advisor. Actual course sequence may vary by student. A ▲ symbol identifies courses that must be taken and passed during the suggested semester in order for a student to stay on track toward completing the degree program within four years.

Sequence	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Min Grade	Notes
			USP First-Year Seminar	3	C	FY
			USP Human Culture (Language ¹)	4	C	H
	MATH	1400	College Algebra ²	3	C	Q; can substitute MATH 1000.
	POLS	1250	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	C	ASG; can substitute POLS 1200.
			Elective	3		
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Freshman Spring Semester

			USP Human Culture (Language ¹)	4	C	H
			USP Physical & Natural World	4		PN
	ENGL	1010	College Composition and Rhetoric	3	C	C1
	POLS	1000	American and Wyoming Government	3	C	V
			Elective	3		
Credit hours subtotal:				17		

Sophomore Fall Semester

			A&S Core Diversity in the US	3		ASD
	POLS	2460	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3	C	Can substitute POLS 3600.
	STAT	2070	Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences	4	C	
			Political Science Elective	3	C	
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Credit hours subtotal:				16		

Sophomore Spring Semester

			USP Physical & Natural World	4		PN
	POLS	2200	Politics of Europe and the European Union	3	C	C2; can substitute POLS 3680.
	POLS	2310	Introduction to International Relations	3	C	
			Electives	6		
Credit hours subtotal:				16		

This sample degree plan is a guide for course work in the major. • Course sequencing may need to be altered if ACT, SAT or Math Placement scores require a student to take pre-college courses before taking required math or English courses. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review course descriptions in the University Catalog and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to UW's University Studies Program requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

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Junior Fall Semester						
			Political Science Electives	6	C	
			Upper Division Electives	3		
			Electives	6		
				Credit hours subtotal:	15	
Junior Spring Semester						
			Political Science Upper Division Electives	6	C	
			Upper Division Electives	6		
			Political Science Elective	3	C	
				Credit hours subtotal:	15	
Senior Fall Semester						
			Political Science Seminar Course	3	C	C3 ³
			Upper Division Electives	12		
				Credit hours subtotal:	15	
Senior Spring Semester						
			Upper Division Electives	12		
				Credit hours subtotal:	12	
				TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	122	

Political Science Program notes:

In addition to university and college requirements, a major in political science requires 33 hours of coursework in the subject. • Eighteen (18) of the required 33 hours must be electives from within the department, nine (9) of which must be upper division (3000- or 4000-level). A maximum of six (6) hours of internship credit may count toward the electives requirement. • Only those political science courses in which a grade of C or better has been earned may be used to satisfy department requirements. • A study abroad experience or an internship are encouraged during the junior or senior year. Consult with an academic advisor about opportunities and programs and/or courses necessary to prepare. • Students majoring in Political Science should discuss the designation of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with their academic advisor.

¹ A single language must be taken for two (2) semesters to fulfill the eight (8) hour foreign language requirement for the program. • Students taking American Sign Language to fulfill the language requirement of the major will have to take other courses to fulfill the USP H requirements.

² See the “Prerequisite and MPE Cut Score Reference Chart” on the Math Placement website for the most up-to-date math placement equivalencies: <http://www.uwyo.edu/mathstats/math-placement/>.

³ Not all Political Science seminar courses fulfill the USP C3 requirement. A seminar is required for the major and a C3 is required for the degree. C3 courses can be selected from within the major or from another department. Students should consult with their academic advisor.