

Recommended Academic Plan for Political Science (POLSC at Penn State Behrend)

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	PL SC 001 Introduction to American National Government/ PL SC 003 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
ENGL 015 (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition or ENGL 030 (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3
PL SC 001 Introduction to American National Government/ PL SC 003 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3
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Foreign Language (Level One)#	4	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
Total Credits:	14	Total Credits:	16
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
PL SC 014 International Relations or PL SC 017 Introduction to Political Theory	3	PL SC 014 International Relations or PL SC 017 Introduction to Political Theory	3
CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech	3	ENGL 202A Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences	3
General Education Selection*	3	General Education Selection*	3
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Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4	General Education Selection**	3
		Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5
Total Credits:	16		16.5
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
PL SC 400-level	3	PL SC 400-level, Writing Across the Curriculum (W) course	3
PL SC any level	3	PL SC any level	3
General Education Selection**	3	BA Knowledge Domains	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5	General Education Selection*	3
Bachelor of Arts Other Cultures Course	3	Elective	3
Total Credits:	13.5	Total Credits:	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
PL SC 400-level	3	PL SC 400-level	3
PL SC any level	3	PL SC any level	3
BA Knowledge Domains	3	BA Knowledge Domains	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	15

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.
- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- *Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major.
- **Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US:IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be completed within the degree requirements; these courses may not be used to fulfill the Other Cultures requirement.
- W is the code used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

Scheduling patterns for courses not taught each semester:

Program Notes:

Academic Advising Notes: