

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Political Science

The Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership offers the following four-year degree plan for earning a B.A. in political science or a B.S. in political science. Please note: One's path to graduation may vary slightly based on factors such as college credit earned in high school, choice of general education electives, and placement in English and mathematics. For questions about political science, please contact us at psc@nku.edu or 859-572-5322.

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Join the College Democrats or College Republicans to gain campaign experience. Have a good time, but get up and go to class! Don't get behind on your general education or core major requirements - that's the most common reason for falling behind in your four-year program.	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society: PSC 100 American Politics or PSC 101 State and Local Politics ^{2,3} or Global Viewpoints: PSC 102 Comparative Politics, PSC 103 International Politics or PSC 110 Political Ideas ^{2,3}	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society: PSC 100 American Politics or PSC 101 State and Local Politics ^{2,3} or Global Viewpoints: PSC 102 Comparative Politics, PSC 103 International Politics or PSC 110 Political Ideas ^{2,3}
	Gen Ed: Communication; Written ¹	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral ¹	3
	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism ¹	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Written II ¹	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity ¹	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics and Statistics ¹ ; STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods recommended for B.S. students	3
	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Sciences with or without lab ¹	3-4	General Education: Self and Society; Individual and Society ¹	3
	TOTAL	15-16	TOTAL	15
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Plan on finishing all PSC core requirements by the end of your second year or early in your third year. Keep up your grades to join an honor society. Xi Omega is the political science honor society. Phi Alpha Delta is the pre-law honor society. Consider a minor in international studies, pre-law, or public administration.	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society: PSC 100 American Politics or PSC 101 State and Local Politics ^{2,3} or Global Viewpoints: PSC 102 Comparative Politics, PSC 103 International Politics or PSC 110 Political Ideas ^{2,3}	3	PSC major requirements ⁴	3
	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Individual and Society: PSC 100 American Politics or PSC 101 State and Local Politics ^{2,3} or Global Viewpoints: PSC 102 Comparative Politics, PSC 103 International Politics or PSC 110 Political Ideas ^{2,3}	3	PSC major requirements ⁴	3
	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences with or without lab ¹	3-4	Minor or focus elective ⁵ 300 level or above	3
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity ¹	3	Minor or focus elective ⁵ 300 level or above	3
	PSC 215 Scope and Methods ^{3,4}	3	Minor or focus elective ⁵ 300	3

	or PSC major requirements ⁴		level or above	
	TOTAL	15-16	TOTAL	15
<p>THIRD YEAR</p> <p>Consider an internship or study abroad experience during your third year.</p> <p>Taking winter intersession and summer courses may allow you to graduate in fewer than four years.</p>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	PSC 215 Scope and Methods ^{3,4} or PSC major requirements ⁴	3	PSC major requirements ⁴	3
	PSC major requirements ⁴	3	PSC major requirements ⁴	3
	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
<p>FOURTH YEAR</p> <p>Attend career, graduate, and law school information events.</p> <p>Be sure to submit a Degree Program Certification for each major, minor, and focus you have. These are due two semesters before you intend to graduate (March for December graduation; September for May graduation).</p>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	PSC major requirement or PSC upper division elective ⁴	3	PSC 300 level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3	PSC 300-level or above elective ⁴ or minor or focus elective ⁵	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	14	
GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS			120	
<p>Notes: Following this plan will allow you to complete your B.A. degree in political science in four years (eight semesters), assuming you meet performance expectations in all courses. If you choose to earn your degree over a period longer than four years, the basic sequence of courses shown above will still apply in most cases. Please note the program's policy on double dipping when choosing electives, minors or area of focus programs.</p> <p>¹ Meets university general education requirement.</p> <p>² PSC core courses that meets university general education requirement. Note: Only two PSC courses total may apply toward fulfilling general education requirements.</p> <p>³ Core course requirements for the B.A. major.</p> <p>⁴ Beyond PSC 215, there are six other required classes: PSC 301, PSC 310, PSC 372, PSC 410, PSC 465, PSC 486 and five 300-level or above electives.</p> <p>⁶ The university requires that each student declares a major as well as a minor or area of focus.</p>				