

Notes

- Major requires 40-44 credit hours.
- A student who has received a 4 or 5 on AP exams in American Government and/or Comparative Politics has fulfilled the introductory course requirement for POLS 101 and/or POLS 104. Transferred AP credits on either, or both, exam(s) may be counted toward a Political Science major.

Core Requirements

Majors will complete a core of the following courses.

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
POLS 101	Introduction to American Politics	4	
POLS 102	Introduction to International Politics	4	
POLS 103	The Nature of Politics (Fall)	4	
POLS 104	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring)	4	

Electives

Choose FOUR POLS electives (see course catalog; any 200-level POLS course).

Course Selected	Credits	Completed
	4	
	4	
	4	
	4	

Capstone

Complete one of the three options to fulfill the Capstone Requirement:

- One POLS 300-level course in a subfield of Political Science (junior or senior year)
- Complete a Senior Honors Thesis
- Complete a Barbara Lee Fellowship

Capstone Selected	Credits	Completed
	4-8	

PLAN Requirements

Year	Semester	Course Title	Credits	Complete
One	Fall	BOS 101: The Boston Course	4	
		SIM 101: The Simmons Course: Explore	2	
	Spring	LDR 101: The Leadership Course	4	
Two	Fall or Spring	The Learning Community: Two discipline courses & one integrative seminar	8	
		SIM 201: The Simmons Course: Experience	1	

Three	Fall or Spring	SIM 301: The Simmons Course: Excel	1		
Three & Four	Fall or Spring	3D* – Design Across Diverse Disciplines	12		
Any	Requirements		Course Selected		
	Language: Two semesters in the same language, taken sequentially and strongly encouraged to complete within their first two years.		4		
			4		
	Quantitative Literacy (QL)		4		
	Key Content Areas** (KCAs)	Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)		4	
		Global Cultural (GC)		4	
Scientific Inquiry (SCI)			4		
Social and Historical (SH)		POLS 101	4		

***3D**– Design Across Diverse Disciplines– requirement may be met with one course in your major, and two additional courses that may also count as KCAs.

****KCAs** – May be covered by Major, Learning Community and/or 3D courses.

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