



Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Major: Political Science

2020-2021 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____
 Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.0 Minor/Career Interest(s) _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

First Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|----------|-------|
| ACS 119 | First Year Seminar | Suggested | 2 | | |
| AHSS 111 | Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity | | 3 | | |
| POLS 100 | American Government (SGR #3) | | 3 | | |
| POLS 253 | Current World Problems | | 3 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4). | Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level. | 4 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 101 | English Composition I (SGR #1) | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4). | p. 101 | 4 | | |
| POLS Elective | POLS 102 American Political Issues OR POLS 141 Governments of the World. | | 3 | | |
| SGR #2 | Oral Communication | | 3 | | |
| SGR #3 | Social Sciences/Diversity | SGR#3 Non POLS | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 16 | | |

Second Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 201 | English Composition II (SGR #1) | p. ENGL 101 | 3 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language. | p. 102 | 3 | | |
| POLS 388 | Research Methods | p. ENGL 201 and POLS 100 | 3 | F | |
| POLS Elective | | | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language. | p. 201 | 3 | | |
| POLS Elective | | | 6 | | |
| SGR #5 | Mathematics | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Third Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| POLS Elective | | | 6 | | |

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 6 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as needed to complete degree requirements | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| POLS Elective | | | 3 | | |
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 6 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as needed to complete degree requirements | 6 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Fourth Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| POLS Elective | | | 3 | | |
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as needed to complete degree requirements | 9 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| POLS 489 | Capstone | p. POLS 388 | 3 | | |
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as needed to complete degree requirements | 9 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

As part of the Political Science major, students in this program must complete:

- 18 upper division major credits, including at least 3 non-U.S credits.
- all major classes with a grade of C or higher

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete:

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in their major
- a designated diversity, equity, and inclusion course – AHSS 111 (or AIS 211 for teaching specializations students only)
- minor, second major, or teaching specialization

Testing into a higher-level language course may reduce time to graduation. To begin coursework above the 101 level, take the free modern language placement test at <https://www.sdstate.edu/modern-languages-global-studies/mfl-placement-information> Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.