

# 2025-2026 Political Science BA/BS Degree Plan



Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ UMID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor name: \_\_\_\_\_ Concentration: **None**

**The Purpose of General Education is to Gain:**

- Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World
- Intellectual and Practical Skills
- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Integrative and Applied Learning

**Key Courses For General Education (50 hours)**

- First Year Experience (3)**  
 Choose: UM 101 or HNRS 101 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
1. **Written Composition (6)**  
 Choose: ENG 101 or 103. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose: ENG 102 or 104. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Humanities & Fine Arts (18)**  
 Choose one: ENG 231, 233, 232 or 234.\* \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Students must complete a six-hour sequence in either History or Literature. Students may complete both sequences.  
 Choose: COMS 101 or 102. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose one Fine Arts: ART 100, 120, 220; MC 100, 325; \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 MUS 121 or 122, 125, 211, 240, 255, 342; THEA 120 or 122, 123.  
 Choose one Humanities: AAS 200; ENG 231 or 233, 232 or 234; FRN 101, 102, 150, 201, 202, 250; SPN 101 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 or 103, 102 or 104, 150, 201, 202, 250; GER 101, 102, 201, 202; PHIL 110 or 111, 180, 220 or 221, 230, 280, 290; REL 110.  
 Choose two of the following (not used above):  
 AAS 200, ART 100, 120, 220; ENG 231 or 233, 232 or 234; FRN 101, 102, 150, 201, 202, 250; SPN 101 or 103, \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 102 or 104, 150, 201, 202, 250; GER 101, 102, 201, 202; MC 100, 325; MUS 121 or 122, 125, 211, 240, 255, 342; PHIL 110 or 111, 180, 220 or 221, 230, 280, 290; REL 110; THEA 120 or 122, 123.
3. **Natural Sciences & Mathematics (11)**  
 Choose one lab science from two different disciplines:  
 BIO 100, 105-107; CHEM 100-102, 121, 122; \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ESCI 100; GEOL 110, 115; PHYS 100 or higher. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose: MATH 147 or 154 (or MATH 144 or higher). \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. **History, Social & Behavioral Sciences (12)**  
 Political Science majors must complete the six-hour sequence in History. Students may also complete the Literature sequence.  
 Choose: HIST 101 or 103. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose: HIST 102 or 104. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose: POS 200. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \*\*  
 Choose one of the following not used above: EC 231, 232; GEOG 231; POS 250; PSYC 201/202; SOC 101 or 102; SWK 203, 260, 322. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Personal Development (3)**  
 Choose one of the following: ART 250, 255; CS 161; \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ED 447; ES 200; FCS 281; EXNS 120; MATH 261; MIS 161; MUS 228.

\*\*Indicates requirement is satisfied in major course requirements.

**Additional Requirements for Degree (7-12 hours)**

Choose and complete only one requirement below:

**Bachelor of Science Requirements (7)**

Choose additional 7 hours in mathematics and/or science not used toward requirement #3 above.

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**Bachelor of Arts Requirements (up to 12 hours)**

Students must complete either:

- the second-year course sequence in ASL, FRN, GER, or SPN.
- OR the first-year course sequence in two different languages.

Other options to complete the BA requirements are found in the Bulletin.

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**Major Course Requirements (36 hours)**

- POS 200 (American National Government) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 300 (Introduction to Political Science) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 370 (Research Methods in Social Sciences) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 385 (Modern Political Thought) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 444 (Public Policy) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 455 (International Relations) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 475 (Constitutional Law) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 POS 499 (The Science of Politics) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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*It is recommended that candidates who wish to pursue the Social Sciences Alternative Master's program take GEOG 231, SOC 101 (or 102), and EC 231.*

**General Electives (22-27 hours)**

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**Minor Course Requirements (Optional)**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs. Req. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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| 1. 50% of crs in major area at UM | 5. 45 hr limit of non-traditional credit                 |
| 2. 30 hrs 300/400 at UM           | 6. 6-hr sequence in history or literature                |
| 3. 30 of last 40 hours at UM      | 7. Capstone experience within major                      |
| 4. 64 hr limit from 2-year school | 8. 2.0 or higher UM GPA and in all major and minor areas |

Total Hours Required: \_\_\_\_\_ 120  
 Total Hours Completed to Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours Remaining for Completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours Currently Registered: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours Remaining: \_\_\_\_\_

*For planning only. Refer to Degree Works for official degree evaluation.*