

Political Science Major

Total Major hours: 38 Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16
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Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p>Fall Semester 1</p> <p>PSCI 135 American Politics and Government^{1, 2} or PSCI 145 Political Philosophy^{1, 2}</p> <p><i>CORE 101: First-Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First-Year CATC options-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i> ▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i> ▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i> 	<p>Spring Semester 1</p> <p>PSCI 135^{1, 2}/145^{1, 2} or IR 155 Comparative Politics^{1, 2} or IR 175 International Politics^{1, 2}</p> <p><i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>First-Year CATC options</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i></p>	<p>Summer 1</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options – Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, Wheaton in Washington (WiW), or International Study Program (ISP)</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2</p> <p>IR 155 Comparative Politics^{1, 2} or IR 175 International Politics^{1, 2} or PSCI/IR Elective³</p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 2</p> <p>PSCI 361 Political Research or PSCI/IR Elective³ PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective³</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar*</i></p>	<p>Summer 2</p> <p>PSCI 496 Internship*</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 3</p> <p>PSCI 361 Political Research¹ or PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective³</p> <p>Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken*</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 3</p> <p>PSCI/IR Elective (4-8)³ PSCI 496 Internship, if not completed</p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar, if not already taken*</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i></p>	<p>Summer 3</p> <p>PSCI 496 Internship*, if not complete</p> <p>Consider study abroad, internship, or research options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 4</p> <p>PSCI 494 Senior Seminar (2)* PSCI 496 Internship, if not completed</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p>Spring Semester 4</p> <p>PSCI 494 Senior Seminar (2)* PSCI/IR Elective (4-8)³</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p>Summer 4</p>

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has a prerequisite

^F Fall only course

^S Spring only course

[#] Offered every other year

¹ Classes that meet CATC tags (with a max of 3 counting toward graduation): PSCI 135 (SI), PSCI 145 (SI, PI), IR 155 (SI, GP), IR 175 (SI), PSCI 324 (DUS, PI), PSCI 328 (DUS, SI) PSCI 344 (DUS), PSCI 361 (AAQR), PSCI 363 (DUS), PSCI 374 (SIP), IR 347 (HP), IR 348 (GP, HP), IR 375 (GP, SI), MATH 263 (AAQR)

² Majors must take PSCI 135 and PSCI 145 and *either* IR 155 or IR 175. All four are offered at least 3 times in 4 semesters.

³ Select 16 credits of PSCI, GPS, and/or IR courses at the 200-level and above (not including [PSCI 201](#)), of which at least 8 credits must be taken in PSCI, GPS, and/or IR courses numbered 300-level or above.

⁴ Political Science majors may substitute MSCI 401, LAW 496, or HNGR 496 for the PSCI 496 requirement.