











2024 - 2025 Major Map

Political Science, BA

School/College: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
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Term 1 - A 0 - 7 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 110: American Government and Politics (AMIT OR SB) OR  POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU 101 or college-specific First-Year Seminar is required for all first-year students. ASU Language Placement: Only true beginners are eligible for 101-level courses. All other students are required to take a language placement exam, regardless of prior credit earned.
ASU 101-LA: The ASU Experience	1		
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 1 - B 7 - 12 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View ASU Online first-year student registration information here. Activate your Handshake account and build out your profile.
Elective	2		
Term hours subtotal:	5		
Term 2 - A 12 - 19 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 110: American Government and Politics (AMIT OR SB) OR  POS 150: Comparative Government (GCSI OR SB & G) or POS 160: Global Politics (GCSI OR SB & G)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU Language Placement: Only true beginners are eligible for 101-level courses. All other students are required to take a language placement exam, regardless of prior credit earned. Join a student club or professional organization.
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV; * French, Italian, German, Spanish and Vietnamese are available online.	4	C	
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 2 - B 19 - 26 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a first draft resume.
Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following: * Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV; * French, Italian, German, Spanish and Vietnamese are available online.	4	C	
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 3 - A 26 - 33 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 POS 210: Political Ideologies (CIVI OR SB)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop your skills.

Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following:

* Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV;

* French, Italian, German, Spanish and Vietnamese are available online.

Term hours subtotal: 7

Term 3 - B 33 - 40 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Second Language: Requirement satisfied through the following:

* Completion of a language course at the intermediate level (202 or equivalent), including American Sign Language IV;


* French, Italian, German, Spanish and Vietnamese are available online.

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- A **study abroad** experience enhances cross-cultural awareness and may expand career opportunities.

Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD) 3

 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.

 Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.

Term hours subtotal: 7

Term 4 - A 40 - 46 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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 POS Elective 3 C

Quantitative Reasoning (QTRS) 3

Term hours subtotal: 6

Term 4 - B 46 - 53 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Related Area Courses 3 C

Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT) 4

Term hours subtotal: 7

- Related Area Courses: Any course from the subjects in the list below will apply to the Related Area requirement.
- Explore an **internship**.

Term 5 - A 53 - 59 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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 POS 301: Empirical Political Inquiry (SOBE OR SB) 3 C

Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD) 3

Term hours subtotal: 6

Term 5 - B 59 - 65 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Related Area Courses 3 C

Sustainability (SUST) 3

Term hours subtotal: 6

- Thinking about graduate school? Consider registering for a grad school **test prep course**.

Term 6 - A 65 - 72 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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POS Elective 3 C

Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT) 4

Term hours subtotal: 7

Term 6 - B 72 - 78 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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 Upper Division Related Area Course 3 C

Elective 3

Term hours subtotal: 6

- Complete an in person or virtual **practice interview**.

Term 7 - A 78 - 84 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by		Minimum	
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★	Hours	Grade	Notes
★ POS Upper Division Elective	3	C	• Maximum of six hours of POS 484 and three hours of POS 499 (Individualized Instruction) may be applied toward the major.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 7 - B 84 - 90 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Complete 2 courses:	6		
Upper Division Elective			
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 8 - A 90 - 96 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Upper Division Related Area Course	3	C	• Gather professional references.
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 8 - B 96 - 102 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ POS Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 9 - A 102 - 108 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ POS Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 9 - B 108 - 114 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Complete 2 courses:	6		• Apply for full-time career opportunities
Upper Division Elective			
Term hours subtotal:	6		

Term 10 - A 114 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ POS Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

- Students must complete 12 credit hours in courses drawn from related areas. Any course beginning with one of the following subjects may be used.
- Maximum of six hours of POS 484 and three hours of POS 499 (Individualized Instruction) may be applied toward the major.

Hide Course List(s)/Track Group(s)

Related Area Courses

AFR OR APA OR ASB OR ASM OR COM
OR ECN OR FAS OR GCU OR GPH OR
HST OR JUS OR PHI OR PSY OR REL OR
SGS OR SOC OR WST Elective

- **Total Hours:** 120
- **Upper Division Hours:** 45 minimum
- **University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements**

Notes:

Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

Please keep in mind that the applicability of a specific transfer course toward an ASU degree program depends on the requirements of the department, division, college or school in which you are enrolled at ASU. Transfer agreements that guarantee the completion of university level requirements do not necessarily meet college and major requirements. Please consult with an advisor for more information.

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.