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Political Science, BS

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 equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students.
ASU 101-LA: The ASU Experience	1		
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR			
ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR	3	C	
ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition			
Term hours subtotal:	7		
Term 1 - B 7 - 13 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
MAT 142: College Mathematics (MATH OR MA)	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	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 2 - A 13 - 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"> Join a student club or professional organization.
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR			
ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR	3	C	
ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition			
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 2 - B 19 - 25 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a first draft resume.
Elective	3		
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 3 - A 25 - 31 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.
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		
Term 3 - B 31 - 38 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
POS Elective	3	C	

Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A study abroad experience enhances cross-cultural awareness and may expand career opportunities.
❗ Complete First-Year Composition requirement.				
❗ Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.				
Term hours subtotal:	7			
Term 4 - A 38 - 44 Credit Hours Critical course signified by ❗	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
❗ POS Elective	3	C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Science and Society course list and more information about the requirement can be found here.
Science and Society Elective	3	C		
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 4 - B 44 - 51 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore an internship.
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4			
Term hours subtotal:	7			
Term 5 - A 51 - 57 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
★ POS 301: Empirical Political Inquiry (SOBE OR SB)	3	C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of six hours of POS 484 and three hours of POS 499 (Individualized Instruction) may be applied toward the major.
POS Upper Division Elective	3	C		
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 5 - B 57 - 63 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
Sustainability (SUST)	3			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking about graduate school? Consider registering for a grad school test prep course.
Upper Division Elective	3			
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 6 - A 63 - 69 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
★ POS 401: Political Statistics (QTRS OR CS)	3	C		
Elective	3			
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 6 - B 69 - 75 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
Upper Division Science and Society Elective	3	C		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an in person or virtual practice interview.
POS Upper Division Elective	3	C		
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 7 - A 75 - 81 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
★ POS Upper Division Elective	3	C		
Elective	3			
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 7 - B 81 - 87 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	
Upper Division Elective	3			
Elective	3			
Term hours subtotal:	6			
Term 8 - A 87 - 93 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes	

Complete 2 courses:

Related Area Courses

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

Term hours subtotal:

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Term 8 - B 93 - 99 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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POS Upper Division Elective

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- Gather professional references.

Elective

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Term hours subtotal:

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Term 9 - A 99 - 105 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Complete 2 courses:

Upper Division Related Area Course

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Term hours subtotal:

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Term 9 - B 105 - 111 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Complete 2 courses:

Upper Division Elective

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Term hours subtotal:

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Term 10 - A 111 - 117 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Upper Division Elective

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- Apply for full-time career opportunities

Elective

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Term hours subtotal:

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Term 10 - B 117 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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★ POS Upper Division Elective

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Term hours subtotal:

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- Students must complete 12 credit hours in courses drawn from related areas. Any course beginning with one of the following subjects may be used.
- All students pursuing a BS or BSP degree in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must complete two courses from the Science and Society list found at <https://thecollege.asu.edu/resources/science-society>. At least one of the two courses must be upper-division and students must earn a C or better in the courses. Both Science and Society courses (i.e., all six credits) may count towards any major, minor, related fields, and ASU General Studies requirements.
- 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.