



Winona State University
Four-Year Program Map

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Program: Political Science (BA POLA)
Emphasis (optional): Minor Required

Fall Semester				Spring Semester		
	Course	Requirement Met	SH	Course	Requirement Met	SH
Year 1	ENG 111 College Reading and Writing or CMST 191	GE Goal 1	3-4	CMST 191 Introduction to Public Speaking or ENG 111	GE Goal 1	3-4
	POLS 120 Introduction to American Politics	GE Goal 5 & 9/Major	3	General Education Course*	GE Goal 4	3
	POLS International Relations Course*	Major	3	POLS Comparative Politics Course**	Major	3
	General Education Course	GE Goal 6b	3	POLS Political Theory Course***	Major	3
	OR 100 Introduction to Higher Education	Recommended	1	General Elective Course (Not Political Science)	GE Goal 5	3
NOTE: A minimum of 40 credits must be taken from Goals 1 through 10 to meet the MnTC requirement. *Recommend POLS 130 Intro to International Relations, which will also meet GOALS 5 & 8.				NOTE: *Recommend STAT 110 or STAT 210 for major. **Recommend POLS 135 Comparative Political Systems, which will also meet GOAL 9. ***Recommend POLS 150 Intro to Political Theory, which also meets GOAL 6a.		
First-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			13-14	First-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		
				15-16		
Year 2	POLS American Politics Course	Major	3	Political Science Elective*	Major Elective	3
	General Elective Course	GE Goal 3 (Lab)	4	Political Science Elective	Major Elective	3
	POLS 280 Introduction to Political Analysis	Major/CAI	3	Political Science Elective	Major Elective	3
	Minor/Second Major Course	Minor	3	General Education Course	GE Goal 3	3
	Physical Education and Wellness	PDW	3	General Education Course	GE Goal 7	3
NOTE: Students talk with major advisor to select a minor. Credits vary for minors.				NOTE: Students must complete a minimum of 40 S.H. credits of 300 & 400 Level Courses. *Recommend POLS 240 or POLS 340, which will also meet GOAL 10.		
Second-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			16	Second-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		
				15		
Year 3	Political Science Elective (300 or 400 level)*	Major Elective	3	Political Science Elective (300 or 400 level)*	Major Elective	3
	Political Science Elective (300 or 400 level)*	Major Elective	3	Minor/Second Major Courses	Minor	9
	Minor/Second Major Courses	Minor	9	General Education Course	GE Goal 6a	3
	NOTE: For a full list of Political Science Elective Courses please refer to DARS, a total of 18 S.H. must be taken in order to meet this major requirement; a total of 15 S.H. must be 300-400 level. *Be aware of which electives meet intensive goals. Students need to complete 3 SH Oral Intensive and 6 SH of Writing Intensive coursework.				NOTE: For a full list of Political Science Elective Courses please refer to DARS, a total of 18 S.H. must be taken in order to meet this major requirement; a total of 15 S.H. must be 300-400 level. *Be aware of which electives meet intensive goals. Students need to complete 3 SH Oral Intensive and 6 SH of Writing Intensive coursework.	
Third-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			15	Third-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		
				16		
Year 4	Political Science Elective (300 or 400 level)*	Major Elective	3	Political Science Elective (300 or 400 level)*	Major Elective	3
	Minor/Second Major/General Education Courses	Minor/GEP	12	Minor/Second Major/General Education Courses	Minor/GEP	12
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Fourth-Year Fall Semester Credit Hour Total			15	Fourth-Year Spring Semester Credit Hour Total		
				15		

Total Credit Hours (SH): 120

Guide to 4 Year Major Maps

- 4 Year Major Maps are intended to show a recommended four-year pathway to a degree. Students must be fulltime, college ready, and ready to declare a major to follow the map exactly as shown. Maps are only a sample; there may be other pathways that lead to completion of the degree in four years.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of meetings with advisors.
- Major Maps are NOT intended to take the place of the Degree Audit System (DARs).

All courses listed on a major map will be labelled as one or more of the following:

GE Goal	General Education Goal Area	Indicates that the course meets one of the 10 General Education Goals
Gen Elec	General Elective	Indicates that the course does not meet a General Education, Major or Minor requirement but does count toward the degree
Major	Major Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Major requirement
Major Elec	Major Elective	Indicates that the course counts toward the major as an elective, must be chosen from list of approved courses
Minor	Minor Requirement	Indicates that the course meets a Minor requirement
CAI	Critical Analysis Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Critical Analysis Intensive
OI	Oral Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as an Oral Intensive
WI	Written Intensive	Indicates that the course counts as a Written Intensive
PDW	Personal Development and Wellness	Indicates that the course counts as a Personal Development and Wellness Requirement

General Education Goal Areas:

		Minimum credits required
Goal 1	Communication	7 credits
Goal 2	Critical Thinking (Met with completion of all other goal areas)	--
Goal 3	Natural Science	7 credits
Goal 4	Mathematics	3-4 credits
Goal 5	History, Social/Behavioral Sciences	9 credits
Goal 6	Humanities and Fine Arts	9 credits
Goal 7	Human Diversity	3 credits
Goal 8	Global Perspective	3 credits
Goal 9	Ethic and Civic Responsibility	3 credits
Goal 10	People and the Environment	3 credits

Graduation Requirements:

- Minimum of 120 total credits (semester hours) required for Bachelors' Degree
- Minimum of 40 General Education credits required
- Minimum of 40 Upper Division credits required
- Minimum of 30 Residence credits required in Junior/Senior years
- Minimum WSU cumulative grade point average of 2.00; some programs require higher grade point averages

Major Maps are not contracts. Winona State University reserves the right to make changes at any time, without prior notice, to programs, policies, procedures and information described in this major map. Students should consult the appropriate academic department or college for currently accurate program information.