

Political Science Major

Total Major hours: 38

Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2023-2024

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.

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1
PSCI 135 American Politics and Government ^{1, 2} or PSCI 145 Political Philosophy ^{1, 2}	PSCI 135 ^{1, 2} /145 ^{1, 2} or IR 155 Comparative Politics ^{1, 2} or IR 175 International Politics ^{1, 2}	Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the
CORE 101: First-Year Seminar First-Year CATC options- COMM 101: Oral Comm (2) FINGW 103: First-Year Writing Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course	Language Core Competency First-Year CATC options BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament	Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, Wheaton in Washington (WiW) or International Study Program (ISP)
Fall Semester 2	Spring Semester 2	Summer 2 PSCI 496 Internship*
IR 155 Comparative Politics ^{1, 2} or IR 175 International Politics ^{1, 2} PSCI 361 Political Research ^{F, 1} or Math 263 Introduction to Statistics ¹ or PSCI/IR Elective ³	MATH 263 Introduction to Statistics ¹ or PSCI/IR Elective ³ PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective ³ Thematic Core Course BITH 315: Christian Thought*	Consider study, internship or research options
Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)	Advanced Integrative Seminar?*	
Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 3	Summer 3
PSCI 361 Political Research ^{F, 1,} or Math 263 Introduction to Statistics ¹ or	PSCI/IR Elective (4-8) ³	PSCI 496 Internship*, if not complete
PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective ³	Advanced Integrative Seminar?* Thematic Core Course	Consider study, internship or research options
Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS		
Advanced Integrative Seminar?*		
Fall Semester 4	Spring Semester 4	Summer 4
PSCI 494 Senior Seminar (2)*	PSCI/IR Elective (4-8) ³	
Thematic Core Course	Thematic Core Course	
Complete CATC Coursework	Complete CATC Coursework	

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

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^{*}Course has prerequisite

^F Fall only course

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^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 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 every semester.

³ Electives can be either PSCI or IR classes. Students must take 8 hours of PS/IR courses numbered 350-399. (These are designated research courses)