

**ABOUT THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE:**

The BA program in Political Science includes the study of governments, political philosophy, law, international political organizations, civil and international conflict, public policies, political processes, political movements, campaigns and political behavior. Political scientists use both humanistic and scientific methodological approaches to rigorously examine political phenomena. Those interested in critical issues such as health, the environment, political campaigns, civil rights, international conflict and civil war should consider studying political science.

**STEP 1:**

**42 credits at the 300-level or higher**

(major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

**Major Requirements:**

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
PSC 113*		4	
PSC 116*		4	
PSC 210 or 211		4	
PSC 310		4	
PSC 3____		4	
PSC 4____		4	
PSC 4____		4	
PSC ____			
PSC ____			
<i>Optional Major Electives (do not exceed 48 PSC credits)</i>			
<p><b>Most classes within the Political Science major are worth 4 credits each. Four (4) credit PSC courses at the 300-level fulfill the Experiential requirement. Four (4) credit PSC courses at the 400-level fulfill the Research requirement.</b></p>			

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

**Free elective credits**

(to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

\*Course approved for general education credit

**Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.**

**GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES:** General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

**STEP 2:**

General Education Credit Count			
At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code.			
Course	Cr.	Course	Cr.
		Total Gen Ed credits	40

**STEP 3:**

General Education Outcome Audit	
	Course
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	
A1. STEM	
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
<b>COMPETENCIES</b>	
B1. Write effectively	
B2. Communicate effectively	
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or computational strategies	
B4. Information literacy	
<b>RESPONSIBILITIES</b>	
C1. Civic knowledge & responsibilities	
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and Inclusion	
<b>INTEGRATE &amp; APPLY</b>	
D1. Ability to synthesize	
<b>GRAND CHALLENGE</b>	
G. Check that at least one course of your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	

**SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

**NOTE:** This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

**Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.**

## Political Science BA (2019-2020 Catalog)

### Requirements by Year

The below is a sample plan showing how a student may graduate with this major in 4 years. It is not intended to be prescriptive. Credits in transfer, as well as summer or j-term coursework, may result in deviations from the above recommendations. Students should consult with an advisor to ensure they are on track each semester. For course titles and pre-requisite information, please visit: [uri.edu/catalog](http://uri.edu/catalog)

Fall	Spring	Milestones
<b>Year One</b>		
PSC 113 (A2, C1)	PSC 116G (A2, C2, G)	Overall GPA 2.00
A1 gen ed	B2 gen ed	Eligible to move to the College of Arts & Sciences
A3 gen ed	B3 gen ed	
A4 gen ed	B4 gen ed	Consider minor or second major
URI 101	C3 gen ed	Complete 30 credits
(14 credits total)	(16 credits total)	

<b>Year Two</b>		
PSC 210 or 211	PSC 310	Overall GPA 2.00
Gen ed for credit	B1 gen ed	Consider/declare minor or second major
Gen ed for credit	Upper Level Elective	Complete 60 credits
Upper Level Elective	Free Elective	
Free Elective	Free Elective	
(16 credits total)	(16 credits total)	

<b>Year Three</b>		
PSC 300-level elective	PSC Elective	Overall GPA 2.00
Upper Level Elective	Upper Level Elective	Consider internship
Upper Level Elective	Upper Level Elective	Meet with advisor for 300-level or above credit check (42 credits required)
D1 gen ed	Free Elective	
Free Elective	Free Elective	Complete 90 credits
(16 credits total)	(16 credits total)	

<b>Year Four</b>		
PSC 400-level elective	PSC 400-level elective	Overall GPA 2.00
Upper Level Elective	Upper Level Elective	Complete Intent to Graduate Form by Oct 1st
Upper Level Elective	Free Elective	
Free Elective	Free Elective	Complete 120 credits
(13 credits total)	(13 credits total)	

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