

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Sample Plan

The academic plan below is one pathway through the degree/certificate. It includes all requirements, taking into account recommendations from program faculty. Each student's plan may vary according to their initial course placement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/academicstandardsregulations/courseplacement/>), intended course load, additional majors and/or minors, and their placement into required prerequisite courses. Any change in the plan below can have an unforeseen impact on the rest of the plan. **Therefore, it is very important to meet with your academic advisor to verify your personal academic plan.**

Please review the following terms, definitions, and resources associated with the sample academic plan below.

- Each course in the far left column links to a pop-up bubble with a course description, prerequisite requirements, and associations with university requirements. For example, if a course fulfills a general education requirement, you will see that in the pop-up bubble.
- **GER:** indicates a General Education Requirement (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>). GERs that also count toward degree/certificate requirements appear as a specific course in the plan. For these courses, "GER" is not indicated explicitly in the table, but if you click on the course, you will see the course's GER status in the pop-up bubble.
- **Program Elective:** indicates a specific course selection determined by program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Elective:** indicates an open selection of 100-400 level university courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate.
- **Upper Division Program Elective:** indicates a specific 300-400 level course selection determined by the program faculty to fulfill a degree/certificate requirement. Students should seek assistance from their academic advisor.
- **Upper Division Elective:** indicates an open selection of 300-400 level courses to fulfill elective credits needed to meet the minimum total credits toward the degree/certificate. These courses must be upper division in order to meet General University Requirements for the particular degree/certificate type.

First Year

Fall		Credits
PS A101	Introduction to American Government	3
WRTG A111	Writing Across Contexts	3
GER Fine Arts		3
GER Humanities		3
GER Quantitative Skills		3
Credits		15

Spring

PS A102	Introduction to Political Science	3
GER Humanities		3
GER Natural Sciences Lab		1
GER Natural Sciences Lecture		3
GER Oral Communication Skills		3
GER Written Communication Skills (200-level)		3
Credits		16

Second Year

Fall

PS A301 or PS A311	Comparative Political Economy or Comparative Politics	3
PS A321 or PS A322	International Relations or United States Foreign Policy	3
GER Alaska Native-Themed		3
GER Diversity & Inclusion		3
GER Natural Sciences Lecture		3
Credits		15

Spring

PS A330 or PS A353	The American Political Tradition or American Political Development	3
PS A332 or PS A333	History of Political Philosophy I: Classical or History of Political Philosophy II: Modern	3
Upper Division Program Elective (300-400 level PS course)		3
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Upper Division Elective		3
Credits		15

Third Year

Fall

PS A492	Senior Seminar in Politics	3
Upper Division Program Elective (300-400 level PS course)		3
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Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Credits		15

Spring

Upper Division Elective		3
Upper Division Elective		3
Elective		3
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Elective		3
Credits		15

Fourth Year

Fall

Elective		3
Elective		3
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Credits	15
Spring	
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	2
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Credits	14
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Total Credits	120