POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Political Science, Bachelor of Science Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION (MavEd) REQUIREMENTS - 34 Hours Required		
Minimum of "C-"required		
Fundamental Skills		**15**
Writing – 6 hrs.		
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	
or ENGL 1140	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I WITH SUPPORT	
ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	
Oral Communication – 3 hrs.		
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	
or CMST 2120	ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
Quantitative Literacy – 3 hrs.		
MATH 1120	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING	
or MATH 1130	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY	
or MATH 1140	QUANTITATIVE REASONING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS	
or MATH 1300	COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT	
or MATH 1320	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	
Data Literacy – 3 hrs.		
Select one from the following:		
BSAD 1030	DATA LITERACY FOR WORK AND LIFE	
ISQA 1100	DATA AND INFORMATION LITERACY	
STAT 1100	DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION	
STAT 1530	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	
Until Fall 2028, students can satisfy this requirement with an approved data literacy course, or any approved natural or social science general education (MavEd) course.		
Breadth of Knowledge		**13**
Social Science – 3 hrs.		
Humanities – 3 hrs.		
Natural & Physical Science (must complete a lab) – 4 hrs.		
Arts – 3 hrs.		
Individual and Social Responsibility		**6**
Cultural Knowledge – 3 hrs.		
Civic Knowledge and Engagement – 3 hrs.		
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
**Course will satisfy UNO's General Education (MavEd) requirement		
^Course requires pre-requisite(s)		
Political Science BS - 36 Hours Required		
At least 18 hours of coursework within the political science major must be taken at the 3000 - 4000 levels.		
Required Courses		**18**
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (**)	
PSCI 2000	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING (^)	
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (**)	
PSCI 2310	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT (**)	
PSCI 2500	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (**)	
PSCI 3000	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (^)	
PSCI 4950	SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	
Select any additional six 3-credit hour courses		**18**
Remaining hours in political science shall be elected by students in accordance with their interests. At least 18 hours of coursework within the political science major must be taken at the 3000 - 4000 levels.		
College Breadth (choose one option)		**15-30+**
Option 1: Complete any UNO minor or undergraduate certificate - 15+ hours		
Option 2: Additional General Education (MavEd) Requirements - 18+ hours		
Additional quantitative literacy - 3 hours		
Additional Social Science Gen. Ed. (MavEd) from another Discipline - 3 hours		
Additional Humanities Gen. Ed. (MavEd) from another Discipline - 3 hours		
HIST 1000 and HIST 1010 - 6 hours		
Additional Nat. and Physical Science w/ or without Lab - 3-5 hours		
Option 3: CAS comprehensive major (50+ hours) OR any second UNO major (30+ hours)		
Bachelor of Science Cognate Courses		**15**
Select a minimum of 15 credit hours of cognate course work in other disciplines.		
ELECTIVES		
Elective hours as required to reach a total of 120 hours		

Political Science, Bachelor of Science Concentrations

- Foreign and National Security Affairs (https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs/foreign-natl-security-conc/)
- Government Affairs and Civic Engagement (https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs/gov-affairs-civic-engage-conc/)
- Law and the Courts (https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs/las-courts-conc/)
- Political Thought (https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs/political-thoughts-conc/)
- Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics (https://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-bs/race-ethnicity-gender-politics-conc/)

Political Science, Bachelor of Science Four Year Plan

Freshman

Fall		Credits
ENGL 1150	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3
MATH 1120 or MATH 1130 or MATH 1140 or MATH 1300	INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING or QUANTITATIVE LITERACY or QUANTITATIVE REASONING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS or COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT	3-4
PSCI 1100	INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT	3
PSCI 2210	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
General Education (MavEd) Course or Elective		3
Attend Durango Days; other campus events. Set up a Handshake account and take the Pathway U career assessment. Attend the Student Involvement & Volunteer Fair to explore student organizations. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept-Oct. Work with your advisor to develop your Pathway in Stellic.		
	Credits	**15-16**

Spring

ENGL 1160	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3
CMST 1110	PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS	3
PSCI 2310	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT	3
General Education (MavEd) Course or Elective		4
General Education (MavEd) Course or Elective		3
Attend campus events such as major exploration week to get an idea of interests and career paths. Schedule a resume review with UNO Career Services. Visit faculty office hours and ask about undergraduate research opportunities. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.		
	Credits	**16**

Sophomore

Fall

PSCI 2000	INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING	3
PSCI 2500	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3
General Education (MavEd) Course or Elective		3
General Education (MavEd) Course or Elective		3
Elective		3
Attend the Career & Internship Fair to start networking with employers. Look for volunteer, research, or part-time work to gain experience. Join a student organization or club related to your field or interests. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept. - Oct.		
	Credits	**15**

Spring

PSCI 3000	QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	3
PSCI Upper-Level Course		3
PSCI Lower-Level Course		3
Cognate Course		3
Elective		3
Attend a career fair for informational and networking purposes. Update your resume and LinkedIn profile with new experiences. Investigate and apply for summer internships, research, or study abroad programs. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.		
	Credits	**15**

Junior

Fall

PSCI Upper-Level Course	3
PSCI Upper-Level Course	3
Cognate Course	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Apply for a paid internship or research assistantship. Attend a mock interview workshop or use online interview tools with Career Services. Start researching and visiting graduate programs or professional schools. Visit Career Center, continue updating resume. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept-Oct.	
Credits	**15**

Spring

PSCI Upper-Level Course	3
Cognate Course	3
Elective	3-4
Elective	3
Elective	3
Request letters of recommendation from faculty for jobs or grad school. Attend the All-Majors Career Fair with a plan to network. Meet with your advisor or submit for a graduation check-in to review remaining degree requirements. Make advising appointment for summer and fall: February – March.	
Credits	**15-16**

Senior

Fall

PSCI Upper or Lower-Level Course*	3
Cognate Course	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
*18 credits of 3000/4000 level coursework is required within the PSCI major.	
Check in with Career Center for networking tips. Finalize graduate school applications or job search strategy. Attend a career fair and start applying for full-time jobs. Prepare for interviews and salary negotiations with Career Services. Make advising appointment for spring: Sept. - Oct.	
Credits	**15**

Spring

PSCI 4950	SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE	0
Cognate Course		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		3
Elective		2-3

Complete your final advising check before graduation. Polish your resume, cover letters, and LinkedIn profile. Stay connected by joining alumni networks and professional organizations. Apply for graduation via MavLink.	
Credits	**14-15**
Total Credits	**120-123**

College Breadth: Students should plan on using at least 15 hours of "Electives" to fulfill Option 1, 2, or 3, of the College of Arts and Sciences' breadth requirement.

Upper Level Credits: Students need 27 upper level credits throughout the degree with at least 18 upper level credits within the major. Electives may need to be selected at the 3000-4000 level to reach these minimums.

Additional Information About this Plan:
University Degree Requirements: The minimum number of hours for a UNO undergraduate degree is 120 credit hours. Please review the requirements for your specific program to determine all requirements for the program. In order to graduate on-time (four years for an undergraduate degree), you need to take 30 hours each year.

Placement Exams: For Math, English, World Language, a placement exam may be required. More information on these exams can be found at https://www.unomaha.edu/enrollment-management/testing-center/placement-exams/information.php

Transfer credit or placement exam scores may change suggested plan of study.

GPA Requirements: 2.0

Note: This plan provides a general guide, but your specific courses, experiences, and career goals may differ. Work with your academic advisor to ensure you're meeting degree requirements and consult with career advisors to explore internships, research opportunities, and post-graduation plans. Regular check-ins will help you stay on track and make the most of your time at UNO!