

# Political Science

## Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/](http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/politicalscience/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Official Program Curriculum:**  
[catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/political-science/](http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/political-science/) (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/political-science/>)

## Sample Program Guide

**IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:** This guide is not an official curriculum. This guide is a sample four-year degree plan of how students might plan this major with other degree requirements to complete their education in four years. Student plans will vary from this sample due to a variety of factors, such as, but not limited to, start year, education goals, transfer credit, and course availability. To ensure proper degree completion, enrolled students should utilize Degree Map (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/degreemap/>) and Schedule Planner (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/degree-map-and-planning/>) in Campus Connection and consult regularly with academic advisors to ensure graduation requirements are being met.

| First Year                              |         |                                           |           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fall                                    | Credits | Spring                                    | Credits   |
| POLS 110 or 115                         |         | 3 POLS 220 or 225                         | 3         |
| MATH 104 or 103                         |         | 3 ENGL 120                                | 3         |
| ENGL 110                                |         | 3 Gen Ed Hum & FA/Cult Div                | 3         |
| COMM 110                                |         | 3 Gen Ed Science & Tech                   | 3         |
| Gen Ed Hum & Fine Arts/Glob Persp       |         | 3 Free Elective                           | 3         |
|                                         |         | <b>15</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |
| Second Year                             |         |                                           |           |
| Fall                                    | Credits | Spring                                    | Credits   |
| POLS 240                                |         | 3 POLS 325                                | 3         |
| STAT 330                                |         | 3 Gen Ed Wellness                         | 3         |
| Gen Ed Science & Tech w/ Lab            |         | 4 Free Electives                          | 9         |
| Free Elective                           |         | 6                                         |           |
|                                         |         | <b>16</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |
| Third Year                              |         |                                           |           |
| Fall                                    | Credits | Spring                                    | Credits   |
| POLS 300-400 Area Elective <sup>1</sup> |         | 3 POLS 470                                | 3         |
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| Gen Ed Upper Division Writing           |         | 3 POLS 300-400 Area Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
| Free Electives                          |         | 6 Gen Ed Science & Tech                   | 3         |
|                                         |         | Free Electives                            | 3         |
|                                         |         | <b>15</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |
| Fourth Year                             |         |                                           |           |
| Fall                                    | Credits | Spring                                    | Credits   |
| POLS Major Elective                     |         | 3 POLS 300-400 Area Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3         |
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|--------------------|-------------------|----|
| Free Electives     | 10 Free Electives | 7  |
| 16                 |                   | 13 |
| Total Credits: 120 |                   |    |

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Select a minimum of five courses from at least three of the four areas (Areas 1-4)