

Political Science Major (UMass Entry Fall 2018 or Later)

Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

NAME: _____

Primary Major Secondary Major Dual Degree

SPIRE#: _____

120 credits NEEDED to graduate

() Credits EARNED to date (does not include current semester's credits)

() Current semester credits

() Total remaining credits (assuming you pass all of your classes this semester or you don't change your schedule)

() Pending credits (study abroad, transfer, CLEP exam, etc.) *Credits are not official until approved by the registrar*

Y / N Residency Credits fulfilled? (45 credits, 54 cr. for honors)

() Cumulative GPA

_____ Expected Graduation

Advisor:

Date:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (University-wide requirement)

Requirement	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
College Writing (CW)	
Basic Math (R1)	
Analytical Reasoning (R2)	
Biological Science (BS)	
Physical Science (PS)	

Requirement (one of these four must also be a US Diversity-DU and one must also be a Global Diversity-DG)	DU/DG (one of each)	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Literature/Art (AL, AT)		
Historical (HS)		
Social/Behavioral Sci. (SB)		
Social World (AL, AT, SB, I, or SI)		

Two Extra Courses for Transfer Students	

Notes:

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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Political Science requires its majors to complete a minimum of 44 credits including the Junior Year Writing and Integrative Experience. All coursework must be taken for a letter grade and carry at least three credits, and no more than five transfer courses (or a maximum of 20 credits) may count toward the major. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in the Introductory requirements, within the major, as well as at the University overall to graduate.

Major GPA	
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INTRODUCTORY: Three introductory Political Science classes with a cumulative average of 2.0 across the three courses. Students must complete one course in each category.

Introductory Requirements	Course/Cr.	Completed or In Progress (IP)
POLISCI 101 American Politics OR POLISCI 162 Intro to Constitutional Law OR POLISCI 181 Controversies in Public Policy		
POLISCI 111 Comparative Politics OR POLISCI 121 World Politics		
POLISCI 171 Intro to Pol Theory OR POLISCI 203 Amer Pol Thought OR POLISCI 270 Ancient Pol Thought OR POLISCI 271 Modern Pol Thought OR POLISCI 273 Power		
	Intro GPA	

UPPER-LEVEL: 24 credits of Political Science coursework at the 200-level or higher, 12 credits of which must be at the 300-level or higher. Junior Year Writing and the Integrative Experience are included. All courses must carry 3 or more credits. Not more than one of these courses can be an Independent Study or a graded Internship. Honors Capstone Research and Honors Capstone Thesis (POLISCI 499C & 499D) will both count. Honors Research, Honors Project, and Honors Thesis (POLISCI 499Y, 499P, 499T) do not count toward upper-level requirements.

12 Credits of Political Science Credits at the 300-level or Higher	Course/Cr.	Completed or In Progress (IP)
Integrative Experience		
POLISCI 377 Junior Year Writing (3 credits)		
300-Level or Higher		
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12 Credits of Political Science Credits at the 200-level or Higher	Course/Cr.	Completed or In Progress (IP)
200-Level or Higher		
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GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS REQUIREMENT: Complete three courses, or 9 credits, choosing one of the following options. Courses in this requirement area must be taken in addition to work completed above.

Global Knowledge & Skills (three courses, 9 credits minimum)	Course/Credit	Completed or In Progress (IP)
Option One: Global Courses - 3 courses from Global Knowledge & Skills list		
Option Two: Certificate (from departmental list)		
Option Three: Study Abroad (IPO-approved program, at least 9 credits worth)		
Option Four: Language (9 credits, in sequence)		
Option Five: Individualized (9 credits, with approval from Undergrad Prg Advisor)		