

Political Science Major

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 UMASS Amherst credits, 54 cr. for honors)

() Cumulative GPA

Advisor:

Date:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (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	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Literature/Art (AL, AT)	
Historical (HS)	
Social/Behavioral Sci. (SB)	
Social World (AL, AT, SB, I, or SI)	
U.S. Diversity (U)	
Global Diversity (G)	

Two Extra Courses for Transfer Students	

SBS GLOBAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (College-wide requirement)

(Please see the **Global Education Advisors in Thompson Hall 128** for course exceptions and information on other options)

Primary SBS Major	Yes	No
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Option I: Foreign Language	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Lang. (3 cr.)	
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Lang. (3 cr.)	
Lang. (3 cr.)	

Option II: Language/Regional	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Lang. (3 cr.)	
Lang. (3 cr.)	
Regional (3 cr.)	
Regional (3 cr.)	
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Option III: Study Abroad/Individualized	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Abroad/ Individualized Program:	

Option IV: Certificate Option	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
Certificate Program:	

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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

The Department of Political Science requires its majors to complete a minimum of 36 credits in Political Science including the Junior Year Writing and Integrative Experience courses. All coursework for the major must be taken for a letter grade and carry at least 3 credits, and no more than 5 transfer courses, exchange or 5-college courses (or a maximum of 20 transfer credits) may count toward the major. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA within the major as well as overall, at the University, to graduate.

INTRODUCTORY REQUIREMENT: Majors must complete three 100-level 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 (x) 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 Political Theory		
	Intro GPA	

UPPER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: Majors must take 24 credits of Political Science coursework at the 200-level or higher, 12 credits of which must be at the 300-level or higher. All courses must carry 3 or more credits. Junior Year Writing and the Integrative Experience may be counted toward these 24 credits. Not more than one of these courses can be an independent study course or a graded internship. Honors Capstone Research and Honors Capstone Thesis courses (POLISCI 499C & 499D) will both count toward the upper-level requirements. Honors Research, Honors Project, and Honors Thesis courses (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 (x) or In Progress (IP)
Integrative Experience		
POLISCI 377 - Junior Year Writing (3 credits)		
300-Level or Higher		
300-Level or Higher		

12 Credits of Political Science Credits at the 200-level or Higher	Course/Cr.	Completed (x) or In Progress (IP)
200-Level or Higher		
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200-Level or Higher		
	Major GPA	

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