

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

To obtain a B.A. with a major in Political Science, a student must fulfill university, college, and departmental requirements. Hour requirements follow:

- 46 hours of University General Education courses
- 16 hours of foreign languages
- 12-19 hours college breadth requirement
- 36 hours of major courses
- 3-10 hours of electives

TOTAL HOURS: 120

## Requirements

The major consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours in political science. At least 18 hours of political science courses must be taken at the 3000 and 4000 levels.

| Code  | Title   | Credits   |
|---|---|-----------|
| <b>B.A. Requirements</b>  |   |           |
| PSCI 1100   | INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  | 3         |
| PSCI 2000   | INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING | 3         |
| PSCI 2210   | INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS       | 3         |
| PSCI 2310   | INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT             | 3         |
| PSCI 2500   | INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS          | 3         |
| PSCI 4950   | SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE        | 0         |
| <b>Electives</b>  |   |           |
| Remaining hours in political science shall be elected by students in accordance with their interests. |   | 21        |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |   | <b>36</b> |

For the B.A., a **foreign language** through the intermediate level is required.

## Optional Concentrations

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are available with or without a concentration. If students choose, a concentration may be pursued in government affairs and civic engagement, foreign and national security affairs, law and the courts, political thought, or race, ethnicity and gender politics.

### Concentration in Government Affairs and Civic Engagement

| Code  | Title                               | Credits |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12 |                                     |         |
| PSCI 2110                                     | INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY       |         |
| PSCI 2120                                     | INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP          |         |
| PSCI 3010                                     | URBAN POLITICS                      |         |
| PSCI 3040                                     | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF NEBRASKA |         |
| PSCI 3050                                     | STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS       |         |
| PSCI 3160                                     | POLITICAL PARTIES                   |         |

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| PSCI 3170      | INTEREST GROUPS                      |
| PSCI 3180      | CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS              |
| PSCI 4030      | THE PRESIDENCY                       |
| PSCI 4040      | CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS |
| PSCI 4050      | THE JUDICIAL PROCESS                 |
| PSCI/PSYC 4110 | POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY                 |
| PSCI 4120      | PUBLIC OPINION AND POLLING           |
| PSCI 4910      | POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP         |

**Total Credits** 12

### Concentration in Foreign and National Security Affairs

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12 |  |         |
| PSCI/BLST 2130                                | AFRICAN POLITICS   |         |
| PSCI 3220                                     | INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS                                  |         |
| PSCI/WGST 3230                                | GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS                                   |         |
| PSCI 3240                                     | THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS                    |         |
| PSCI 3260                                     | UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY                                 |         |
| PSCI 3500                                     | EUROPEAN POLITICS  |         |
| PSCI 3580                                     | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF RUSSIA AND THE POST-SOVIET STATES |         |
| PSCI 3640                                     | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA AND EAST ASIA               |         |
| PSCI/LLS 3680                                 | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA                     |         |
| PSCI 3700                                     | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST                   |         |
| PSCI 4200                                     | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EAST ASIA                         |         |
| PSCI 4210                                     | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST                   |         |
| PSCI 4240                                     | INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION                            |         |
| PSCI 4250                                     | INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY                           |         |
| PSCI 4260                                     | INTERNATIONAL LAW  |         |
| PSCI/ENVN 4270                                | GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS                                |         |
| PSCI/LLS 4280                                 | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA                     |         |
| PSCI 4290                                     | INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY                   |         |
| PSCI 4350                                     | DEMOCRACY  |         |
| PSCI 4360                                     | AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES  |         |
| PSCI 4500                                     | GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF GREAT BRITAIN                     |         |
| PSCI 4520                                     | POLITICS OF FRANCE   |         |
| PSCI 4550                                     | POLITICAL VIOLENCE, INSURGENCY, AND TERRORISM                |         |
| PSCI 4620                                     | ISLAM AND POLITICS   |         |
| PSCI 4710                                     | COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION         |         |

**Total Credits** 12

**Concentration in Law and the Courts**

| Code  | Title                                    | Credits   |
|---|--|-----------|
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12 |  |           |
| PSCI 2180                                     | INTRODUCTION TO LAW                      |           |
| PSCI/BLST 3410                                | LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY              |           |
| PSCI/LLS 3510                                 | IMMIGRATION LAW AND LATINOS              |           |
| PSCI 4050                                     | THE JUDICIAL PROCESS                     |           |
| PSCI 4140                                     | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS         |           |
| PSCI 4150                                     | LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL           |           |
| PSCI 4160                                     | LAW AND THE COURTS: MOCK TRIAL PRACTICUM |           |
| PSCI 4170                                     | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FOUNDATIONS          |           |
| PSCI 4180                                     | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE FEDERAL SYSTEM   |           |
| PSCI 4190                                     | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL LIBERTIES      |           |
| PSCI 4260                                     | INTERNATIONAL LAW                        |           |
| PSCI 4910                                     | POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP             |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                          |  | <b>12</b> |

**Concentration in Race, Ethnicity and Gender Politics**

| Code  | Title   | Credits   |
|---|---|-----------|
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12 |   |           |
| PSCI/BLST 2130                                | AFRICAN POLITICS                                      |           |
| PSCI/WGST 3100                                | LGBT POLITICS   |           |
| PSCI/BLST 3120                                | THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS           |           |
| PSCI/WGST 3130                                | WOMEN AND POLITICS                                    |           |
| PSCI/LLS 3140                                 | LATINO/-A POLITICS                                    |           |
| PSCI 3150                                     | ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE NEW MINORITY POLITICS |           |
| PSCI/WGST 3230                                | GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS                            |           |
| BLST/PSCI 3410                                | LAW AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY                           |           |
| PSCI/LLS 3510                                 | IMMIGRATION LAW AND LATINOS                           |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                          |   | <b>12</b> |

**Concentration in Political Thought**

| Code  | Title                          | Credits   |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: 12 |                                |           |
| PSCI 3340                                     | AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT     |           |
| PSCI 4310                                     | CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT    |           |
| PSCI 4320                                     | EARLY MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT |           |
| PSCI 4330                                     | LATE MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT  |           |
| PSCI 4340                                     | CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>                          |                                | <b>12</b> |

**Freshman**

| Fall         |  | Credits |
|--------------|--|---------|
| ENGL 1150    | ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*)                                  | 3       |
| PSCI 1100    | INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (**)          | 3       |
| MATH 1220    | COLLEGE ALGEBRA (***)                                      | 3-4     |
| or MATH 1120 | or INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING |         |
| or MATH 1130 | or QUANTITATIVE LITERACY                                   |         |
| or MATH 1300 | or COLLEGE ALGEBRA WITH SUPPORT                            |         |
| or STAT 1100 | or DATA LITERACY AND VISUALIZATION                         |         |
| or STAT 1530 | or ELEMENTARY STATISTICS                                   |         |

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| Foreign Language 1110^  | 5 |
| *ENGL 1150: requires appropriate placement via EPPE, ACT, or AP.  |   |
| **PSCI 1100: This course counts as a Social Science and U.S. Diversity course, as well as major requirement.  |   |
| **MATH: See the catalog for the most up-to-date prerequisites.  |   |
| ^Level 1110 foreign language courses count as a Humanities/Fine Arts course, Global Diversity, and toward the student's BA requirement. If student is fulfilling the BA requirement via alternative methods, then 16 additional credits including a HFA and Global Diversity will need to be factored in to this degree plan. |   |

**Credits 14-15**

| Spring  |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| ENGL 1160   | ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (*)                   | 3 |
| CMST 1110   | PUBLIC SPEAKING FUNDS                        | 3 |
| or CMST 2120  | or ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE                  |   |
| PSCI 2210   | INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (**) | 3 |
| Foreign Language 1120   |  | 5 |
| *ENGL 1160: requires ENGL 1150 with grade of C- or better or placement via EPPE or AP.      |  |   |
| **PSCI 2210: Counts as a Social Science and Global Diversity, as well as major requirement. |  |   |

**Credits 14**

| Sophomore  |   |   |
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| Fall   |   |   |
| PSCI 2000  | INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL INQUIRY AND WRITING (#) | 3 |
| Foreign Language 2110  |   | 3 |
| Natural/Physical Science w/ Lab  |   | 4 |
| PSCI 2310  | INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THOUGHT (*)             | 3 |
| Non-PSCI Social Science  |   | 3 |
| #PSCI 2000: requires PSCI 1100 or PSCI 1000. ENGL 1150 required and ENGL 1160 strongly recommended. This course also counts for the Writing in the Discipline requirement. |   |   |
| *PSCI 2310: Counts as a Humanities/Fine Arts course and major requirement.   |   |   |

**Credits 16**

| Spring                           |                                      |   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Foreign Language 2120            |                                      | 3 |
| Natural/Physical Science*        |                                      | 3 |
| PSCI 2500                        | INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS | 3 |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective              |                                      | 3 |
| Humanities/Fine Arts Course      |                                      | 3 |
| *NPS must be from 2nd discipline |                                      |   |

**Credits 15**

| Junior   |  |   |
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| Fall   |  |   |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective  |  | 3 |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective  |  | 3 |
| HIST 1000 or Minor/2nd Major Course*                                       |  | 3 |
| Additional Humanities/Fine Arts Course for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course** |  | 3 |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course   |  | 3 |
| *A&S College Requirement Options   |  |   |

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| <b>**A&amp;S College Requirement Options. Additional HFA must be in a 3rd discipline.</b>   |                |
| <b>Credits</b>  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>   |                |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective   | 3              |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective   | 3              |
| HIST 1010 or Minor/2nd Major Course*  | 3              |
| Additional Social Science for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course**   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course  | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course  | 1              |
| <b>*A&amp;S College Requirement Options</b>   |                |
| <b>**A&amp;S College Requirement Options. Additional SS must be in a 3rd discipline.</b>  |                |
| <b>Credits</b>  | <b>16</b>      |
| <b>Senior</b>   |                |
| <b>Fall</b>   |                |
| PSCI 3000+ Elective   | 3              |
| Additional Natural/Physical Science with Lab for A&S or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course**  | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course**  | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course**  | 3              |
| <b>*A&amp;S College Requirement Options</b>   |                |
| <b>**Students need a minimum of 120 total credits with no less than 27 upper level credits throughout the entire degree. Students may need to select 3000/4000 level free electives or may earn minors or second majors to reach these specific minimums.</b> |                |
| <b>Credits</b>  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>   |                |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| Elective or Minor/2nd Major Course*   | 3              |
| PSCI 4950   | 0              |
| SENIOR ASSESSMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (**)   |                |
| <b>*Students need a minimum of 120 total credits with no less than 27 upper level credits throughout the entire degree. Students may need to select 3000/4000 level free electives or may earn minors or second majors to reach these specific minimums.</b>  |                |
| <b>**PSCI 4950: Senior standing required, as well as permission of political science department chair.</b>  |                |
| <b>Credits</b>  | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  | <b>120-121</b> |

**Placement Exams:** For Math, English, Foreign 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**

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

This plan is not a contract and curriculum is subject to change

**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.