

## Political Science Major

Total Major hours: 38  
Suggested hours per semester: 14 - 16

### Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2025-2026

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements; this is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

<p><b>Fall Semester 1</b></p> <p>PSCI 135 American Politics and Government<sup>1,2</sup> or PSCI 145 Political Philosophy<sup>1,2</sup></p> <p><i>CORE 101: First-Year Seminar</i> <i>CORE 131: H. Human Flourishing (1)</i> <i>First-Year CATC options-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Language Core Competency or Thematic Core Course</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Spring Semester 1</b></p> <p>PSCI 135<sup>1,2</sup>/145<sup>1,2</sup> or IR 155 Comparative Politics<sup>1,2</sup> or IR 175 International Politics<sup>1,2</sup></p> <p><i>Language Core Competency</i> <i>First-Year CATC options</i> <i>BITH 211/ARCH 211: Old Testament</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 1</b></p> <p>Consider study, internship or research options – Wheaton In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, non-major internship, summer research, Wheaton in Washington (WiW) or International Study Program (ISP)</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b></p> <p>IR 155 Comparative Politics<sup>1,2</sup> or IR 175 International Politics<sup>1,2</sup> PSCI 361 Political Research<sup>F,1</sup> or Math 263 Introduction to Statistics<sup>1</sup> or PSCI/IR Elective<sup>3</sup></p> <p><i>Thematic Core or Core Competency Courses (4-8)</i> <i>BITH 213/ARCH 213: New Testament</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 2</b></p> <p>MATH 263 Introduction to Statistics<sup>1</sup> or PSCI/IR Elective<sup>3</sup> PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective<sup>3</sup></p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>BITH 315: Christian Thought*</i> <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 2</b></p> <p>PSCI 496 Internship*</p> <p>Consider study, internship or research options</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b></p> <p>PSCI 361 Political Research<sup>F,1</sup> or Math 263 Introduction to Statistics<sup>1</sup> or PSCI/IR Upper Division Elective<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Consider semester off campus or abroad – GPS <i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b></p> <p>PSCI/IR Elective (4-8)<sup>3</sup></p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i> <i>Thematic Core Course</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 3</b></p> <p>PSCI 496 Internship*, if not complete</p> <p>Consider study, internship or research options</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 4</b></p> <p>PSCI 494 Senior Seminar (2)*</p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 4</b></p> <p>PSCI/IR Elective (4-8)<sup>3</sup></p> <p><i>Thematic Core Course</i> <i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 4</b></p>

#### Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

\*Course has prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course

<sup>5</sup> Spring only course

# Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup> Classes that meet CATC tags (with a max of 3 counting toward graduation): PSCI 135 (SI), PSCI 145 (SI, PI), IR 155 (SI, GP), IR 175 (SI), PSCI 344 (DUS), PSCI 361 (AAQR), PSCI 363 (DUS), PSCI 374 (SIP), IR 347 (HP), IR 348 (GP, HP), IR 375 (GP, SI), MATH 263 (AAQR)

<sup>2</sup> Majors must take PSCI 135 and PSCI 145 and *either* IR 155 or IR 175. All four are offered every semester.

<sup>3</sup> Electives can be either PSCI or IR classes. Students must take 8 hours of PS/IR courses numbered 350-399. (These are designated research courses)