

MAJOR MAP FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSCBA) 2021-22 THROUGH 2024-25 CATALOG YEARS

Name: _____ ID Number: _____ Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Semester: _____

PLSCBA Degree Snapshot

University Perspectives (0-1 hr)

_____ **UNIV 10051**, University Perspectives or exemption

State Core English Composition (0-6 hrs)

_____ **ENGL 10103**, Composition 1 or exemption

_____ **ENGL 10203**, Composition 2 or exemption

State Core US History or Government (3 hrs)

_____ **PLSC 20003**, American National Government
(required in major)

State Core Mathematics (0-3 hrs, can overlap with Option

B if students choose that option and place directly into those MATH/STAT courses)

_____ **MATH** _____

State Core Natural Sciences w/ labs (8 hrs)

_____ **Science w/ lab** _____

_____ **Science w/ lab** _____

State Core Social Sciences (6-9 hrs)

_____ **PLSC 20103**, Intro to Comparative Politics (Required in Major)

_____ **Social Science** _____ (can be PLSC 28103 if taken for major)

_____ **non-PLSC Social Science** _____

State Core Fine Arts (3 hrs)

_____ **Fine Art** _____

State Core Humanities (3 hrs)

_____ **Humanities** _____ (cannot overlap with courses from Option A or B)

Political Science Courses (24 hrs, in addition to PLSC courses taken in core)

_____ **PLSC 28103**, Intro to International Relations and Global Studies or **PLSC 31003**, Public Administration

_____ **PLSC 41503**, Public Policy; **PLSC 49103**, International Studies Seminar; or **PLSC 499HV** Honors Essay

_____ **PLSC 30000+** _____ (**499HV if honors**)

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World Language or Critical Thinking (Choose option A or B)

Option A: Complete World Language to Intermediate II level (3-12 hrs)

_____ Language _____ 10103 (or fluency)

_____ Language _____ 10203 (or fluency)

_____ Language _____ 20103 (or fluency, may not also count as humanities)

_____ Language _____ 20203 (or higher required, may not also count as humanities)

Option B: Critical Thinking (12 hrs, math courses in this category can overlap with state core math, if students place straight in to them)

_____ **PHIL 20003** or **PHIL 22003** (may not also count as humanities)

_____ **PLSC 36003**, Scope and Methods of Political Science
_____ **MATH 21003** or **BUSI 10303**

_____ **MATH 22003**, **MATH 20503**, **MATH 21803**, or **MATH 24004**

General Electives (48-70 hrs)

How you use these hours will depend on your educational and career goals. Early in your degree you might use this section to jot down ideas for how to plan. As you get closer to graduation, you might use this section to track which classes you've taken outside the above requirements.

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Advising Notes

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Graduation Plan

Use the following additional resources, in addition to this major map, to complete your graduation plan ([Catalog](#), and your [Degree Audit](#) in UAconnect). Many students have more than one major, minor, or pre-professional goal that has additional required classes. This tool allows you to combine all your educational goals in to one plan.

High School credit	List all Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual or Concurrent credit			
Year	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total
Year 1				Total 1 st year credit hours (aim for 30):
Year 2				Total 2 nd year credit hours (aim for 60):
Year 3				Total 3 rd year credit hours (aim for 90):
Year 4				Total 4 th year credit hours (Must be at least 120):

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Graduation Checklist (does your plan include the following):

- 2.0 minimum overall UofA GPA (Courses taken at other colleges or universities are not factored into this GPA)
- All state minimum core requirements
- All Major(s)/Minor(s) requirements
- [Writing requirement](#) complete
- At least 50% of each major/minor taken from UofA
- 24 hours of 30000+ classes exclusively from Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences classes
- 30 hours of 30000+ classes exclusively from the University of Arkansas. This can include courses taken for the 24-hour rule.
- 40 hours of upper-level classes. (30000+ or 20000+ with a pre-requisite. Can include transfer credit.) This can include courses taken for the 24-hour and 30-hour rules.
- 120 total eligible credit hours (see below for a list of ineligible classes)

Please visit <https://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog> for an extensive list of core, major, graduation, and pre-requisite requirements. To read more about individual classes, visit the [courses of instruction](#) page for course descriptions.

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Degree Requirement Breakdown by Category

The following information is designed to help you navigate your experience in your degree and answer common questions that may come up for each requirement.

Category	Degree Requirements	Curriculum Notes
UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES 0-1 hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNIV 10051, University Perspectives (or UNIV 100H1) 	Or equivalent from another University of Arkansas college. (AFLS 102H3, ARSC 12001, GNEG 11101, GNEG 111H1, HIST 1003(H), HIST 10001, HIST 100H1, PLSC 10003, PLSC 100H3, BUSI/WCOB 11101, WCOB/BUSI 111H1) Note: students who transfer to the University of Arkansas with at least 24 credit hours will have this requirement waived.
STATE CORE COMPOSITION 0-6 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 10103, Composition 1 or SAT/ACT exemption (or ENGL 101H3) ENGL 10203, Composition 2 or SAT/ACT exemption (or ENGL 102H3) 	See Catalog for information about placement and/or exemption.
STATE CORE US HISTORY or GOVERNMENT 3 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLSC 20003, American National Government (required in major) 	*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.
STATE CORE MATHEMATICS 3 hrs	Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 11003, College Algebra MATH 11103, Quantitative Reasoning MATH 15104, Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry MATH 21003, Principles of Statistics Any higher-level mathematics course with MATH 11003 as a pre-requisite 	Based on ACT/SAT or other math placement scores, students may need to enroll in additional remediation related courses. See catalog or math placement website for additional information.
STATE CORE NATURAL SCIENCES CORE 8 hrs	Choose 2: (each class will have a required lecture and lab component): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANTH 10143/ANTH 10141, Intro to Biological Anthropology (or ANTH 101H3/101H1) ASTR 20003/20001, Survey of the Universe (or ASTR 200H3/200H1) BIOL 10004, Biological Principles BIOL 10103/10101, Principles of Biology (or BIOL 154H3/154H1) BIOL 10104, Biology for Majors BIOL 10303/10301, Plant Biology BIOL 10503/10501, Principles of Zoology BIOL 24003/24001, Human Anatomy BIOL 24103/24101, Human Physiology CHEM 10003/10001, Chemistry in the Modern World CHEM 12103/12101, Fundamentals of Chemistry CHEM 12073/12071, Chemistry for Majors I CHEM 12283/12281, Chemistry for Majors II CHEM 14103/14101; University Chemistry I CHEM 14203/14201, University Chemistry II (or CHEM 142H3/142H1) ENSC 10003/10001, Environmental Science (or ENSC 100H3/100H1) ENTO 10203/10201, Insects, Science, and Society 	Some classes will have pre-requisites

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOL 11103/11101, Physical Geology (or GEOL 111H3/111H1) • GEOL 11203/11201, Earth Science • GEOS 11504, Introduction to Geology for Science Majors • PHYS 10243/10241, Physics and Human Affairs (or PHYS 102H3/102H1) • PHYS 10304, Physics for Elementary Education Majors • PHYS 10404, Physics for Architects I • PHYS 10504, Physics for Architects II • PHYS 20103/20101, College Physics I • PHYS 20203/20201, College Physics II • PHYS 20304, University Physics I (or PHYS 203H4) • PHYS 20404, University Physics II (or PHYS 204H4) 	
<p><u>STATE CORE SOCIAL SCIENCES</u></p> <p>6-9 hrs **</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLSC 20103, Intro to Comparative Politics (required in major) <p>Choose 2 (one must be non-PLSC): *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGEC 11003, Principles of Agriculture Microeconomics (or AGEC 110H3) • AGEC 21003, Principles of Agriculture Macroeconomics (or AGEC 210H3) • ANTH 10203, Intro to Cultural Anthropology (or ANTH 102H3) • COMM 10203, Communication in a Diverse World (or ANTH 102H3) • ECON 21003, Principles of Macroeconomics (or ECON 210H3) • ECON 22003, Principles of Microeconomics (or ECON 220H3) • ECON 21403, Basic Economics: Theory and Practice (or ECON 214H3) • EDST 20003, Introduction to Educational Studies • GEOG 11103, Human Geography (or GEOG 111H3) • GEOG 21003, World Regional Geography (or GEOG 210H3) • HDFS 14003, Life Span Development (HDFS 140H3) • HDFS 24103, Family Relations (or HDFS 241H3) • HDFS 26003, Rural Families & Communities (HDFS 260H3) • HIST 11193, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I (or HIST 111H3) • HIST 11293, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (or HIST 112H3) • HIST 20003, History of the American People to 1877 • HIST 20103, History of the American People 1877 to Present • HIST 20903, Animals in World History • HUMN 111H4, Honors Roots of Culture to 500 C.E. (Honors only) • HUMN 211H4, Honors Birth of Modern Culture, 1600-1900 (honors only) • INST/PLSC 28103, Intro to International Relations & Global Studies** 	<p>Students must take classes from at least two departments in the Social Sciences category.</p> <p>*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.</p> <p>**If PLSC/INST 28103 is taken, it can count here in in the major</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOUR 10203, Media and Society • PLSC 20003, American National Government (or PLSC 200H3) • PLSC 20103, Intro to Comparative Politics • PLSC 21003, State and Local Government • PSYC 20003, General Psychology (or PSYC 200H3) • RESM 28503, Leisure and Society (or RESM 285H3) • SOCI 10103, General Sociology (or SOCI 201H3) • SOCI 20103, Social Problems • STEM 20003, The Art of STEM Communication 	
<p>STATE CORE FINE ARTS</p> <p>3 hrs</p>	<p>Choose 1: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARCH 10003, Architecture Lecture (or ARCH 100H3) • ARHS 10003, Art Lecture (or ARHS 100H3) • COMM 10003, Film Lecture (or COMM 100H3) • DANC 10003, Movement and Dance • ENGL 20103, Creative Writing 1 • HUMN 211H4, Honors Birth of Modern Culture 1600-1900 (honors only) • LARC 10003, The American Landscape (or LARC 100H3) • MLIT 10003, Experiencing Music (or MLIT 100H3) • MLIT 10103, Music and Society (music majors only. Or MLIT 101H3) • MLIT 13303, Popular Music • THTR 10003, Theatre Appreciation (or THTR 100H3) • THTR 10103, Musical Theatre Appreciation (or THTR 101H3) • THTR 16803, Acting I • THTR 18803, Acting 1 for Theatre majors 	<p>*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.</p>
<p>STATE CORE HUMANITIES</p> <p>3 hrs</p>	<p>Choose 1: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAST 20203, The African American Experience • ANTH 10303, Introduction to Archeology • ARCH 10103, Diversity and Design (or ARCH 101H3) • CLST 10003, Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece (or CLST 100H3) • CLST 10103, Introduction to Classical Studies: Rome (or CLST 101H3) • COMM 12303, Media, Community and Citizenship (or COMM 123H3) • DANC 10003, Dance Appreciation • DASC 21303, Data Privacy & Ethics • ENGL 11103, World Literature: Beginnings to 1650 CE (or ENGL 111H3) • ENGL 11203, World Literature: 1650 CE to Present (or ENGL 112H3) • ENGL 12103, Introduction to Literature (or ENGL 121H3) • ENGL 20103, Creative Writing I • GNST 20003, Introduction to Gender Studies (or GNST 200H3) • HIST 11193, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I (or HIST 111H3) • HIST 11293, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (or HIST 112H3) • HIST 20003, History of the American People to 1877 	<p>*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST 20103, History of the American People 1877 to Present • HUMN 112H4, Honors Equilibrium of Cultures 500-1600 (Honors only) • HUMN 22103, Introduction to World Religions • LALS 20103, Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies • MRST 20103, Introduction to Medieval and Renaissance Studies • MUSY 20003, Music in World Cultures (or MUSY 200H3) • PHIL 20003, Introduction to Philosophy (or PHIL 200H3) • PHIL 21003, Introduction to Ethics • PHIL 22003, Logic • PHIL 23003, Human Nature and the Meaning of Life • PHIL 31003, Ethics and the Professions • THTR 10003, Theatre Appreciation (or THTR 100H3) • THTR 10103, Musical Theatre Appreciation (or THTR 101H3) • Any Intermediate level foreign language numbered at the 20000 level 	
<p>POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24 hrs</p> <p>In addition to PLSC 20003 and PLSC 20103, which are listed in the core requirements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLSC 28103, Intro to International Relations and Global Studies* ○ PLSC 31003, Public Administration (Spring only. pre-req: PLSC 20003) 2. Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLSC 41503, Public Policy (fall only. Pre-req: PLSC 2003) ○ PLSC 49103, International Studies Seminar ○ PLSC 499HV, Honors Essay (honors only) 3. Then, take 18 hrs additional PLSC 30000+ courses. ** 	<p>Honors Political science students must take 6 hours of PLSC 499HV. 3 hours may count in this category, and the other 3 hours may count as Political science electives.</p> <p>*If taken, PLSC 28103 is also allowed to count in the social science category.</p> <p>**No more than 9 hrs may come from PLSC 3000V, PLSC 3940V, PLSC 4980V, or PLSC 499HV.</p> <p>**PLSC 3999T or 4999T transfer courses may count in this category as long as students still meet the 50% rule. Not all 999T classes pull into the degree audit automatically, so students may need to request classes be moved into the minor by their academic advisor.</p> <p>** Students who attend the Fall 2024 Rome Center Program may also count the following courses as PLSC 30000+ electives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMM/INST 48703, International Communication and Globalization (already in major map as an area studies course or topical course) • COMM/PLSC 43703, Political Communication (already approved to count) • JOUR 43303, Ethics In Journalism • ADPR 44803, Multiculturalism in Advertising and Public Relations
<p>LANGUAGE OR CRITICAL THINKING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-12 hrs</p>	<p>Choose 1 combination of classes from below (no class from this category may also be used for the Humanities requirement above):</p> <p>Option A: Complete a foreign language to the Intermediate 2 level (20203).</p> <p>This may be completed by taking only the 2013 level, <u>if the student has previous fluency</u>, but is most commonly</p>	<p>Option A:</p> <p>Language Options: See the catalog for complete list</p> <p>Language Placement: See the WLLC website for a list of available placement exams for certain languages as well as information about credit by exam for Spanish.</p>

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	<p>completed by taking four classes (ARAB and CHIN both also offer intensive formats for accelerated study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary I (10103, or fluency) • Elementary II (10203, or fluency) • Intermediate I (20103, or fluency) • Intermediate II (20203 or higher required) <p>Option B (take 12 hrs from below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHIL 20003, Intro to Philosophy or PHIL 22003, Logic • PLSC 36003, Scope and Methods of Political Science (pre-req: PLSC 20003) • Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MATH 21003, Principles of Statistics (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 11003 or 11103) ○ BUSI 10303, Data Analysis (Formerly WCOB 10303. pre-req: C or higher in ISYS 11203 and either MATH 20503 or 24004) • Choose 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MATH 22003, Survey of Calculus (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 11003, 12003, 13004, or 20503) ○ MATH 20503, Finite Mathematics (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 11003, 12003, 13004, or 22003) ○ MATH 21803, Mathematical Reasoning a Quantitative World (pre-req: MATH 11003 or 11103) ○ MATH 24004, Calculus 1 (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 11003 and either MATH 12003 or 13004, or math placement)* 	<p>Option B: if students are able to place directly in to one of these MATH or STAT classes, they may also use this course for their state core math requirement.)</p> <p>*MATH 24005, Calculus 1 with Review, can also count here.</p>
<p><u>GENERAL ELECTIVES</u></p> <p>48-70 hrs</p>	<p>Hours will vary depending on math placement, language placement, and whether a student is exempt from ENGL 10103 and 10203.</p>	<p>Some general electives may need to be upper level to meet college and university residency requirements. See Graduation Checklist on page 3 for more information.</p>
<p><u>WRITING REQUIREMENT</u></p>	<p>The college writing requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of PLSC 41503, PLSC 49103, PLSC 491H3, or PLSC 499HV with a passing grade* • Successful honors thesis defense 	<p>*The catalog does not outline the requirement this way, but in anticipation of a future catalog change, the department has confirmed that all students will meet the Fulbright Writing Requirement upon completion of any of the following courses: PLSC 41503, PLSC 49103, PLSC 491H3, or PLSC 499HV. Students who complete this option do not need to fill out the Fulbright Writing requirement form.</p>
<p><u>HONORS</u></p>	<p>Minimum Requirements for Honors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in all coursework. • Complete a minimum of 12 hours of honors courses from the UofA (Which includes 6 hrs of PLSC 499HV). • Complete and defend Honors Thesis <p>See Catalog for full description of requirements.</p>	<p>Honors Thesis Timeline: Honors students should consistently check the honors thesis timeline to stay on track to complete your honors thesis.</p> <p>College Honors: Students who also are following the College Honors Plan need to complete additional requirements. Those can be found on the advising website (consult with an academic advisor if you have questions about your catalog year): Academic Planning Resources</p>