

# MAJOR MAP FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSCBA) 2020-21 CATALOG YEAR

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## PLSCBA Degree Snapshot

### University Perspectives (0-1 hr)

\_\_\_\_\_ **UNIV 1001**, University Perspectives or exemption

### State Core English Composition (0-6 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ENGL 1013**, Composition 1 or exemption

\_\_\_\_\_ **ENGL 1023**, Composition 2 or exemption

### State Core US History or Government (3 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ **PLSC 2003**, 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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### State Core Social Sciences (6-9 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ **PLSC 2013**, Intro to Comparative Politics (Required  
in Major)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Social Science** \_\_\_\_\_ (can be PLSC 2813 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 2813**, Intro to International Relations and  
Global Studies or **PLSC 3103**, Public Administration

\_\_\_\_\_ **PLSC 3000+** \_\_\_\_\_ (499VH 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1003 (or fluency)

\_\_\_\_\_ Language \_\_\_\_\_ 1013 (or fluency)

\_\_\_\_\_ Language \_\_\_\_\_ 2003 (or fluency, may  
not also count as humanities)

\_\_\_\_\_ Language \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 (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 2003 or PHIL 2203** (may not also count as  
humanities)

\_\_\_\_\_ **PLSC 3603**, Scope and Methods of Political Science

\_\_\_\_\_ **STAT 2303 or WCOB 1033**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MATH 2043, MATH 2183, or MATH 2554**

### 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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## 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 <sup>st</sup> year credit hours (aim for 30):
Year 2				Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> year credit hours (aim for 60):
Year 3				Total 3 <sup>rd</sup> year credit hours (aim for 90):
Year 4				Total 4 <sup>th</sup> year credit hours (Must be at least 120):

**Graduation Checklist (does your plan include the following):**

- Do you have at least a 2.0 GPA (this will be something you track each semester)
- All state minimum core requirements
- All Major(s)/Minor(s) requirements
- [Writing requirement](#) complete
- Have At least 50% of each major/minor taken from UofA
- 24 hours of 3000+ classes exclusively from Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences classes
- 30 hours of 3000+ classes exclusively from the University of Arkansas. This can include courses taken for the 24-hour rule.
- 40 hours of upper-level classes. (3000+ or 2000+ 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)

**COURSES THAT DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE 120 HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION**

- ENGL 0002

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- MATH 0001L, MATH 0002L, MATH 0003, and MATH 0131L
- Duplicated/Repeated courses (i.e.: if the same course is taken more than once, the hours will only count once for graduation)

## **Department Information:**

Faculty who have exception/substitution authority: Jeff Ryan

Transfer Coursework Restriction: At least 50% of a student's Arts and Sciences (ARSC) major or minor must be taken at the University of Arkansas.

GPA (Grade Point Average): Every student must have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average to be eligible to graduate from the University of Arkansas.

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
<a href="#">UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES</a>  0-1 hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNIV 1001, University Perspectives</li> </ul>	Or equivalent from another University of Arkansas college. (AFLS 1023H, ARSC 1201, GNEG 1111, HIST 1003(H), PLSC 1003, WCOB 1111)  <b>Note:</b> students who transfer to the University of Arkansas with at least 24 credit hours will have this requirement waived.
<a href="#">STATE CORE COMPOSITION</a>  0-6 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 1013, Composition 1 or SAT/ACT exemption</li> <li>ENGL 1023, Composition 2 or SAT/ACT exemption</li> </ul>	See <a href="#">Catalog</a> for information about placement and/or exemption.
<a href="#">STATE CORE US HISTORY or GOVERNMENT</a>  3 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLSC 2003, American National Government (required in major)</li> </ul>	*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.
<a href="#">STATE CORE MATHEMATICS</a>  3 hrs	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MATH 1203, College Algebra</li> <li>MATH 1313, Quantitative Reasoning</li> <li>MATH 1514, Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry</li> <li>STAT 2303, Principles of Statistics</li> <li>Any higher-level mathematics course with MATH 1203 as a pre-requisite</li> </ul>	Based on ACT/SAT or other math placement scores, students may need to enroll in additional remediation related courses. See <a href="#">catalog</a> or <a href="#">math placement</a> website for additional information.
<a href="#">STATE CORE NATURAL SCIENCES CORE</a>  8 hrs	<b>Choose 2:</b> (each class will have a required lecture and lab component): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANTH 1013 and ANTH 1011L, Intro to Biological Anthropology</li> <li>ASTR 2003/2001L, Survey of the Universe</li> <li>BIOL 1524, Biological Principles</li> <li>BIOL 1543/1541L, Principles of Biology</li> <li>BIOL 1584, Biology for Majors</li> <li>BIOL 1603/1601L, Principles of Zoology</li> <li>BIOL 1613/1611L, Plant Biology</li> <li>BIOL 2213/2211L, Human Physiology</li> <li>BIOL 2443/2441L, Human Anatomy</li> <li>CHEM 1053/1051L, Chemistry in the Modern World</li> <li>CHEM 1073/1071L, Fundamentals of Chemistry</li> <li>CHEM 1103/1101L; University Chemistry I</li> <li>CHEM 1123/1121L, University Chemistry II</li> <li>CHEM 1203/1201L, Chemistry for Majors I</li> <li>CHEM 1223/1221L, Chemistry for Majors II</li> <li>ENSC 1003/1001L, Environmental Science</li> <li>ENTO 1023/1021L, Insects, Science, and Society</li> <li>GEOS 1113/1111L, Physical Geology</li> <li>GEOS 1133/1131L, Earth Science</li> <li>PHYS 1023/1021L, Physics and Human Affairs</li> <li>PHYS 1034, Physics for Elementary Education Majors</li> <li>PHYS 1044, Physics for Architects I</li> <li>PHYS 1054, Physics for Architects II</li> <li>PHYS 2013/2011L, College Physics I</li> </ul>	Some classes will have pre-requisites

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHYS 2033/2031L, College Physics II</li> <li>• PHYS 2054, University Physics I</li> <li>• PHYS 2074, University Physics II</li> </ul>	
<p><u>STATE CORE SOCIAL SCIENCES</u></p> <p>6-9 hrs **</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLSC 2013, Intro to Comparative Politics (required in major)</li> </ul> <p><b>Choose 2 (one must be non-PLSC): *</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGEC 1103, Principles of Agriculture Microeconomics</li> <li>• AGEC 2103, Principles of Agriculture Macroeconomics</li> <li>• ANTH 1023, Intro to Cultural Anthropology</li> <li>• COMM 1023, Communication in a Diverse World</li> <li>• ECON 2013, Principles of Macroeconomics</li> <li>• ECON 2023, Principles of Microeconomics</li> <li>• ECON 2143, Basic Economics: Theory and Practice</li> <li>• EDST 2003, Introduction to Educational Studies</li> <li>• GEOS 1123, Human Geography</li> <li>• GEOS 2003, World Regional Geography</li> <li>• HDFS 1403, Life Span Development</li> <li>• HDFS 2413, Family Relations</li> <li>• HDFS 2603, Rural Families &amp; Communities</li> <li>• HIST 1113, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I</li> <li>• HIST 1123, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II</li> <li>• HIST 2003, History of the American People to 1877</li> <li>• HIST 2013, History of the American People 1877 to Present</li> <li>• HIST 2093, Animals in World History</li> <li>• HUMN 1114H, Honors Roots of Culture to 500 C.E. (Honors only)</li> <li>• HUMN 2114H, Honors Birth of Modern Culture, 1600-1900 (honors only)</li> <li>• <b>INST/PLSC 2813, Intro to International Relations &amp; Global Studies**</b></li> <li>• PLSC 2203, State and Local Government</li> <li>• PSYC 2003, General Psychology</li> <li>• RESM 2853, Leisure and Society</li> <li>• SOCI 2013, General Sociology</li> <li>• SOCI 2033, Social Problems</li> <li>• STEM 2003, The Art of STEM Communication</li> </ul>	<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><b>**If PLSC/INST 2813 is taken, it can count here in in the major</b></p>
<p><u>STATE CORE FINE ARTS</u></p> <p>3 hrs</p>	<p><b>Choose 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARCH 1003, Architecture Lecture</li> <li>• ARHS 1003, Art Lecture</li> <li>• COMM 1003, Film Lecture</li> <li>• DANC 1003, Movement and Dance</li> <li>• ENGL 2023, Creative Writing 1</li> <li>• HUMN 2114H, Honors Birth of Modern Culture 1600-1900 (honors only)</li> <li>• LARC 1003, The American Landscape</li> <li>• MLIT 1003, Experiencing Music</li> <li>• MLIT 1013, Music and Society (music majors only)</li> <li>• MLIT 1333, Popular Music</li> <li>• THTR 1003, Theatre Appreciation</li> <li>• THTR 1013, Musical Theatre Appreciation</li> <li>• THTR 1883, Acting 1 for Theatre majors</li> </ul>	<p>Classes taken in this category may not overlap in any other core category</p>

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<p><a href="#">STATE CORE HUMANITIES</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Choose 1: *</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAST 2023, The African American Experience</li> <li>• ANTH 1033, Introduction to Archeology</li> <li>• ARCH 1013, Diversity and Design</li> <li>• CLST 1003, Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece</li> <li>• CLST 1013, Introduction to Classical Studies: Rome</li> <li>• COMM 1233, Media, Community and Citizenship</li> <li>• DANC 1003, Dance Appreciation</li> <li>• ENGL 1213, Introduction to Literature</li> <li>• ENGL 2023, Creative Writing I</li> <li>• GNST 2003, Introduction to Gender Studies</li> <li>• HIST 1113, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I</li> <li>• HIST 1123, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II</li> <li>• HIST 2003, History of the American People to 1877</li> <li>• HIST 2013, History of the American People 1877 to Present</li> <li>• HUMN 1124H*, Honors Equilibrium of Cultures 500-1600 (Honors only)</li> <li>• HUMN 2213, Introduction to World Religions</li> <li>• LALS 2013, Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies</li> <li>• MRST 2013, Introduction to Medieval and Renaissance Studies</li> <li>• MUSY 2003, Music in World Cultures</li> <li>• PHIL 2003, Introduction to Philosophy**</li> <li>• PHIL 2103, Introduction to Ethics</li> <li>• PHIL 2203, Logic**</li> <li>• PHIL 2303, Human Nature and the Meaning of Life</li> <li>• PHIL 3103, Ethics and the Professions</li> <li>• THTR 1003, Theatre Appreciation</li> <li>• THTR 1013, Musical Theatre Appreciation</li> <li>• WLIT 1113, World Literature: Beginnings to 1650 CE</li> <li>• WLIT 1123, World Literature: 1650 CE to Present</li> <li>• Any Intermediate level foreign language numbered at the 2000 level ***</li> </ul>	<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>**May only count for humanities if not taken for Option B</p> <p>***May only count for humanities if not taken for Option A</p>
<p><a href="#">POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>24 hrs</b></p> <p><b>In addition to PLSC 2003 and PLSC 2013, which are listed in the core requirements</b></p>	<p><b>1. Choose 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PLSC 2813, Intro to International Relations and Global Studies*</li> <li>○ PLSC 3103, Public Administration (Spring only. pre-req: PLSC 2003)</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Then, take 21 hrs additional PLSC 3000+ courses. **</b></p>	<p>Honors Political science students must take 6 hours of PLSC 499VH. 3 hours may count in this category, and the other 3 hours may count as Political science electives.</p> <p>*If taken, PLSC 2813 is also allowed to count in the social science category.</p> <p>**No more than 9 hrs may come from PLSC 300V, PLSC 394V, PLSC 498V, or PLSC 499VH.</p> <p>**PLSC 399T or 499T transfer courses may count in this category as long as students still meet the 50% rule. Not all 99T 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 3000+ electives</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMM/INST 4873, International Communication and Globalization (already in major map as an area studies course or topical course)</li> <li>• COMM/PLSC 4373, Political Communication (already approved to count)</li> <li>• JOUR 4333, Ethics In Journalism</li> <li>• ADPR 4483, Multiculturalism in Advertising and Public Relations</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">LANGUAGE OR CRITICAL THINKING</a></p> <p>3-12 hrs</p>	<p><b>Choose 1 combination of classes from below (no class from this category may also be used for the Humanities requirement above):</b></p> <p><b>Option A: Complete a foreign language to the Intermediate 2 level (2013).</b></p> <p>This may be completed by taking only the 2013 level, <u>if the student has previous fluency</u>, but is most commonly completed by taking four classes (ARAB and CHIN both also offer intensive formats for accelerated study):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary I (1003, or fluency)</li> <li>• Elementary II (1013, or fluency)</li> <li>• Intermediate I (2003, or fluency)</li> <li>• <b>Intermediate II (2013 or higher required)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Option B (take 12 hrs from below):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PHIL 2003</b>, Intro to Philosophy or PHIL 2203, Logic</li> <li>• <b>PLSC 3603</b>, Scope and Methods of Political Science (pre-req: PLSC 2003)</li> <li>• <b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ STAT 2303, Principles of Statistics (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 1203 or 1313)</li> <li>○ WCOB 1033, Data Analysis (pre-req: C or higher in ISYS 1123 and either MATH 2053 or 2554c)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Choose 1: *</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MATH 2043, Survey of Calculus (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 1203, 1213, 1284c, or 2053)</li> <li>○ MATH 2183, Mathematical Reasoning a Quantitative World (pre-req: MATH 1203 or 1313)</li> <li>○ MATH 2554c, Calculus 1 (pre-req: C or higher in MATH 1203 and either MATH 1213 or 1284c, or math placement)**</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Option A:</b> <b>Language Options:</b> See the <a href="#">catalog</a> for complete list</p> <p><b>Language Placement:</b> See the WLLC website for a list of available <a href="#">placement exams</a> for certain languages as well as information about <a href="#">credit by exam</a> for Spanish.</p> <p><b>Option B:</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 2033 is also listed here but is a retired course. Students who took it previously may count it here.</p> <p>*MATH 2445, Calculus 1 with Review, can also count here.</p>
<p><a href="#">GENERAL ELECTIVES</a></p> <p>48-70 hrs</p>	<p>Hours will vary depending on math placement, language placement, and whether a student is exempt from ENGL 1013 and 1023.</p>	<p>Some general electives will need to be upper level to meet college and university residency requirements. See <a href="#">Graduation Checklist</a> on page 2 for more information.</p>
<p><a href="#">WRITING REQUIREMENT</a></p>	<p>The college writing requirement may be satisfied in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• submitting an acceptable research/analytical paper to the department for approval at least four weeks prior to graduation using the <a href="#">writing requirement declaration</a> form.</li> <li>• Successful honors thesis defense</li> </ul>	<p>Students can find more information about the type of papers accepted on the Department of Political Science <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
<p><a href="#">HONORS</a></p>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for Honors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in all coursework.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Honors Thesis Timeline:</b> Honors students should consistently check the <a href="#">honors thesis timeline</a> to stay on track to complete your honors thesis.</p>

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- Complete a minimum of 12 hours of honors courses from the UofA (Which includes **6 hrs of PLSC 499VH**).
- Complete and defend Honors Thesis

See [Catalog](#) for full description of requirements.

**College Honors:** Students who also are following the [College Honors Core for Bachelor of Arts](#) programs need to also complete those additional requirements