

BGS in Political Science

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BGS in Political Science. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
POLS 110 or 111 (Core 34: Social and Behavioral Science (SGE)) ^{050*}	3 POLS 150, 151, 170, or 171 (Major Requirement)	3
Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
	15	15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
POLS 301 (Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE), Major Requirement) ^{050*}	3 Political Science Distribution Elective ²	3
POLS 206 (Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE)) ^{030*}	3 Political Science Distribution Elective ²	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	1
	15	15-16

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE) ⁰⁶⁰	3 Major Elective (300+) ²	3
Major Elective (300+) ²	3 POLS 496 (Internship elective, Capstone Course) ³	3
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3

Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
	15	15
Senior		
Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Major Elective (300+) ²	3 POLS 494, 495, 498, or 499 (Capstone Requirement) ^{3,4}	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
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Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ¹	3
	15	15

Total Hours 120-121

- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through Core 34, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.
- For a list of sub-fields and courses used to fulfill the sub-field requirements, and POLS 300+ elective requirements, review the degree requirements (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/ba-bgs/#requirementstext>) tab in the catalog, or see your advisor.
- A student may count no more than 6 hours toward the major from the following courses combined: POLS 493, POLS 494, POLS 495, POLS 496, POLS 497, or POLS 498.
- For a current list of Capstone Experience courses, please see the Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/ba-bgs/#requirementstext>).

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

*Courses with a * designate courses that are degree requirements but can also be taken to fulfill the KU Core 34 requirement. If another course is used to fulfill the Core 34 requirement, the course listed is still required as a degree requirement.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.