

# BA in Political Science

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Political Science. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses/>).

## Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication, BA Writing I) <sup>1</sup>	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II) <sup>1</sup>	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
Goal 1.1 First Year Seminar or Critical Thinking	3	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
POLS 110 (Goal 3 Social Science, Major Requirement)	3	POLS 102	1
	<b>17</b>		<b>15</b>

## Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st Semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) <sup>6</sup>	3
Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	3	Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3	BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
POLS 150 or 170 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness, Major Requirement)	3	POLS 301 (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>13</b>

## Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
POLS Elective from Unique Sub-Field 300+ (Major Requirement) <sup>2</sup>	3	Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
POLS Elective 100+ (Major Requirement)	3	POLS 306 (BA Quantitative Reasoning (BAQR), Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	POLS Elective from Unique Sub-Field 300+ (Major Requirement) <sup>2</sup>	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

## Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
POLS Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) <sup>3</sup>	3	POLS Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) <sup>3</sup>	3
POLS Elective 300+ (Major Requirement) <sup>3</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
Goal 6 Integration & Creativity <sup>3,4</sup>	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours <sup>5</sup>	3
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	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

## Total Hours 120

- The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- For a list sub-fields and courses used to fulfill the sub-field requirements, and POLS 400+ elective requirements, review the degree requirements 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.
- POLS 493, POLS 494, POLS 495, POLS 496, POLS 497, and POLS 498 are recommended capstone courses for majors.
- Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, 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 students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

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.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.