

Suggested Four-Year Plan of Study

ECONOMICS, HISTORY and POLITICAL SCIENCE



Political Science (B.A. or B.S.)

Concentrations: American Government/Law and International Politics

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits
ENGL 1100	Writing I(3)
POLS 1000 OR	United States Government OR
POLS 1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics.....(3)
MATH 1700	Applied Statistics(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)
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Spring Semester	15 Credits
ENGL 1200	Writing II(3)
POLS 1000 OR	United States Government OR
POLS 1300	Introduction to International Relations.....(3)
HIST xxxx	Elective in History*(3)
	LA&S Elective(3)
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JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits
ECON 1100	Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics(3)
	Political Science Concentration Elective***(3)
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	Political Science Elective.....(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)

Spring Semester	15 Credits
PHIL 4200 or	Political/Social Philosophy OR
HIST/POLS 4200	History of Political Theory(3)
	Political Science Concentration Elective***(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)
	Free Elective(3)

LA&S Elective List

- 1 AOM attribute (Art or Music)
- 1 CTW attribute (Citizenship & The World)
- 3 credits HAF attribute (Health/Fitness)
- 1 HIST attribute (History)
- 1 HMN attribute (Human Behavior)
- 1 LAB attribute (Lab Science)
- 1 LIT attribute (Literature)

Global Diversity Area

Two courses taken must meet the Global Diversity requirement: GDAN course + (GDC or GDCN course) **OR** GDCN course + (GDA or GDAN course). These courses are allowed to satisfy this requirement and another requirement at the same time.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits
SPCH 1000 OR 1110 OR	Speech Requirement**(3)
1600 OR POLS 4350	Introduction to Comparative Politics ****(3)
POLS 1400	LA&S Elective(3)
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Spring Semester	15 Credits
POLS 1300	Introduction to International Relations ****(3)
POLS 2400	Research Methods in Political Science(3)
HIST xxxx	Elective in History*(3)
	Advanced LA&S Elective.....(3)
	Free Elective(3)

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	15 Credits
POLS 4900	Senior Seminar(3)
POLS 4940	Political Science Internship.....(3)
	Political Science Concentration Elective***(3)
	Free Electives (6)

Spring Semester	15 Credits
	Free Electives (15)

*Students with concentrations in **American Government / Law** will take a course in U.S. History. Students in **International Politics** will take a course in World History.

**Foreign language proficiency at the intermediate level required for Bachelor of Arts candidates.

***Political Science Concentration: With the assistance of your advisor select four courses in American Government/Law or four courses in International Politics.

****Students who have not taken POLS 1300 or POLS 1400 freshman year, must take either course in the fall or spring of sophomore year. POLS 1400 is only offered in the fall; POLS 1300 is only offered in the spring.

Advanced LA&S Options Area

Review the three options with your advisor and submit your decision to the Registrar's Office by completion of 60 credits.

Completion of 120 credits required for graduation.

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Information Sheet



*If you are interested in understanding the political beliefs and values that have shaped domestic and global politics, Fitchburg State University has the program you need. A degree in **Political Science** prepares students for careers such as law and positions both within and outside of government.*

Political Science at a Glance

4 full-time faculty • 7 minors including African-American, Women's, International, and Peace Studies

Political science integrates economic and historical facets to understand contemporary power, decision-making, theory and methodology of political systems.

Visit our department website at: fitchburgstate.edu/epps

How will you engage as a student of political science?

- Simulation activities, including our regionally award-winning Moot Court and Model UN teams
- Internships with government agencies, elected officials, law firms/offices, non-governmental or international organizations
- Faculty-led study abroad course opportunities
- Student/faculty cooperative and joint research projects in conjunction with foreign partnership universities

Why study Political Science at Fitchburg State?

- Small class sizes
- Courses taught by full-time faculty experts
- Individualized attention
- Wide variety of course offerings rivaling much larger universities

What makes our Political Science program distinctive?

- Students develop an understanding of legal and constitutional principles, public policy, comparative government and international political institutions
- Students are prepared to make arguments and write persuasively
- Students acquire an understanding of trends through use of critical reading, researching and analysis of scholarly/theoretical works
- Students work together in teams to learn to delegate authority between/among students, to prioritize, analyze, and evaluate political circumstances and events

What can you do with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science?

- Government—federal, state and local offices and agencies
- Law—private practice and government
- Non-profit agencies
- Non-governmental organizations
- International organizations
- Multinational corporations—analytical or consultative policy-focused positions nationally or internationally
- Graduate school—international relations, public policy, public administration, area studies, homeland security, conflict studies

Are there other opportunities for involvement outside the classroom?

- Washington Center Internships

