

POLS Program Map (International Affairs Track)

Dear Political Science Major:

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed below each year are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. A sample schedule is provided as a general guideline to help you build a schedule each term. Your courses must be selected with your advisor to satisfy all core curriculum and state, lab science, and multicultural requirements. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the most current curriculum.

Year 1

Fall	Hrs.	Spring	Hrs.
ENGL 1101	3	ENGL 1102	3
MATH 1101	3	POLS 2101/POLS 2401	3
POLS 1101	3	Foreign Language	3
Foreign Language	3	Lab Science	4
Area C Elective / International Affairs Elective ¹	3	INQR 2XXX	2-2
Total hours	15	Total hours	15-16

Milestones: Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. Complete Area A, math requirement, and 30 credits.

Year 2

Fall	Hrs.	Spring	Hrs.
ENGL 2111 or 2112 or 2113	3	HIST 1011 or AFAM 2020 or WGST 2020 or GEOG 1100 or GEOG 1102 or SOCI 1160	3
POLS 2101/POLS 2401	3	POLS 3000 or ENGL 3030 / POLS 3100	3
POLS 2101/POLS 2401	3	PHIL 2020	3
POLS 3000/ENGL 3030 <i>OR</i> POLS 3100 ²	3	INQR 2XXX	2-3
Lab Science	4	Area D Elective	3
Total hours	16	Total hours	14-15

Milestones: Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. Complete Area F prerequisite courses (PHIL 2020, POLS 2101 and POLS 2401). Complete math and science lab courses. Complete 60 credits.

Year 3

Fall	Hrs.	Spring	Hrs.
POLS 3300 or POLS 3400	3	POLS 3520 or PHIL 4120 or 4220	3
International Affairs Elective ³	3	International Affairs Elective	3
International Affairs Elective	3	Area E Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
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Total hours	15	Total hours	15
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Milestones: Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. Meet with a Career Opportunities Counselor to begin to plan for life after VSU. Determine if you want to pursue a minor. Complete 90 credits.

Year 4

Fall	Hrs.	Spring	Hrs.
POLS 4100	3	International Affairs Elective / Area C Elective	3
International Affairs Elective	3	International Affairs Elective	3
International Affairs Elective	3	General Elective	3
General POLS Elective ⁴	3	Upper division General Elective	3
Area E Elective	3	Upper division General Elective	3
Total hours	15	Total hours	15

Milestones: Overall 2.0 or higher. Apply for graduation at least one semester before anticipated graduation date. Contact and apply for Graduate study or professional school, if required for your career plans. Contact professors to write letters of reference for you. Prepare a professional resume. Complete 120 credits.

POLS Catalog site: <http://catalog.valdosta.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/humanities-social-sciences/political-science/ba-political-science/>

Core Curriculum: <https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vsu-core-curriculum.php>

¹ Students can either an International Elective in their first semester in place of an Area C Elective. If they choose to do this, they will then take the Area C Elective later, possibly in Year 4 as suggested here.

² Students could take either POLS 3100 OR POLS 3000/ENGL 3030

³ International Affairs Electives include Comparative, International Relations, and/or EU Studies courses.

⁴ General POLS Electives include: POLS 3210; POLS 3220; POLS 3230; POLS 3270; and POLS 3290

“or” - the requirement is met by choosing either one of them (e.g., "POLS 3000 or ENGL 3030")

“/” - the student has to take both, but they can choose which semester to take them in (e.g., "POLS 2101/POLS 2401").