

**Recommended Academic Plan for Political Science (POLSC at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)
Effective Summer 2006**

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
First-Year Seminar	1	PL SC 001 Introduction to American National Government or PL SC 003 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
ENGL 015 (GWS) Rhetoric and Composition or ENGL 030 (GWS) Honors Freshman Composition	3	Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3
PL SC 001 Introduction to American National Government or PL SC 003 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	Arts (GA), Humanities (GH), or Social & Behavioral Science (GS)*	3
Quantification (GQ) or Natural Science (GN)**	3	General Education (GA, GH, or GS)*	3
Foreign Language (Level One)#	4	Foreign Language (Level Two)#	4
Total Credits:	14	Total Credits:	16
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
PL SC 014 International Relations or PL SC 017 Introduction to Political Theory	3	PL SC 014 International Relations or PL SC 017 Introduction to Political Theory	3
CAS 100 (GWS) Effective Speech	3	ENGL 202A Effective Writing: Writing in the Social Sciences	3
General Education Selection*	3	General Education Selection*	3
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Foreign Language (Level Three)#	4	General Education Selection**	3
		Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5
Total Credits:	16	Total Credits:	16.5
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
PL SC 400-level +	3	PL SC 400-level, Writing Across the Curriculum (W) course is recommended +	3
PL SC American Government any level +	3	PL SC International Politics any level +	3
General Education Selection**	3	BA Knowledge Domains (defined on page 2 of check sheet)	3
Health and Physical Activity (GHA)	1.5	General Education Selection*	3
Bachelor of Arts Other Cultures Course	3	Elective	3
Total Credits:	13.5	Total Credits:	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
PL SC 400-level +	3	PL SC 400-level +	3
PL SC Comparative Politics any level +	3	PL SC Gov in Theory and Practice any level +	3
BA Knowledge Domains (defined on page 2 of check sheet)	3	BA Knowledge Domains (defined on page 2 of check sheet)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Total Credits:	15	Total Credits:	15

- #This requirement is governed by a placement policy dictated by the number of levels of foreign language completed prior to admission to college.
- **Bold type** indicates courses requiring a quality grade of C or better.
- GWS, GHA, GQ, GN, GA, GH, and GS are codes used to identify General Education requirements.
- *Students need 6 credits in GA, 6 credits in GH, and 6 credits in GS. Courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major.
- **Students need 6 credits in GQ and 9 credits in GN; one Natural Science (GN) course must include a laboratory component.
- US, IL, and US:IL are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University United States/International Cultures requirements.
- Both US (United States Cultures) and IL (International Cultures) must be completed within the degree requirements.
- W and Y are codes used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirements.

Program Notes: Students can double count US & IL requirements for general education courses but not for the Other Cultures requirement.

+ These 24 credits should include 4 courses (12 credits) at the 400 level and at least 3 credits from the subfields listed on the [check sheet](#). Courses used to meet the 400 level requirement can also be used to meet a subfield requirement.

Academic Advising Notes: The course series listed above is only one of many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The number of electives required varies per student. Please be sure to consult with an adviser about your intended plan.