# Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

## Four-Year Academic Plan (Catalog Year 2020-2021)

### Freshmen Fall Semester
- **WRI 010**: College Reading and Composition
- **POLI 001**: Introduction to American Politics*
- **SPRK 001**: Spark Seminar
- Natural Sciences GE

### Freshmen Spring Semester
- **POLI 010**: Understanding Political Controversies^*
- **POLI 002*, POLI 003*, POLI 005*, POLI 006*, or POLI 009*
- Engineering Sciences GE
- Language GE

### Sophomore Fall Semester
- **POLI 002, POLI 003, POLI 005, POLI 006, or POLI 009**
- Upper Division POLI Course in Subfield 1
- Natural or Engineering Sciences GE
- Lower or Upper Division Elective

### Sophomore Spring Semester
- Upper Division POLI Course in Subfield 2
- Arts or Humanities GE
- Lower or Upper Division Elective
- Lower or Upper Division Elective

### Junior Fall Semester
- Upper Division POLI Course in Subfield 1
- Upper Division Elective
- Upper Division Elective
- Lower or Upper Division Elective

### Junior Spring Semester
- Upper Division POLI Course in Subfield 2
- Upper Division POLI Course @
- Upper Division Elective
- Lower or Upper Division Elective

### Senior Fall Semester
- Upper Division POLI Course in Subfield 1
- Upper Division POLI Course#
- Upper Division Elective
- Upper Division Elective

### Senior Spring Semester
- Upper Division POLI Course
- Culminating Experience

### Notes:
A list of courses that meet GE can be found at: [https://catalog.ucmerced.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1644](https://catalog.ucmerced.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1644)

*Social Science GE  
^: Quantitative GE  
@: Crossroads Course  
#: Writing in the Discipline

The four-year plans presented in this sample plan demonstrate the recommended sequencing and timing of the required and elective components within each major. In many cases, a student’s academic background will require variations in the timing of the coursework listed in the plan. All students are expected to work with their academic advisor to find their best pathway through the degree requirements of their chosen program.

Additionally, this academic plan is an unofficial document intended to be used for advising/course planning only. This academic plan does not take into account any coursework completed outside of UC Merced by way of transferred credits from other institutions or credit awarded through test scores. This document cannot be used to supersede or waive requirements listed in the UC Merced catalog unless approved by your advisor or the faculty, and course availability is not guaranteed.

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