

**SAMPLE COURSE PLAN  
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR  
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

**FIRST YEAR**

| FIRST SEMESTER   |  |         | SECOND SEMESTER  |  |         |
|------------------|--|---------|------------------|--|---------|
| Subj/Course      | Title  | Credits | Subj/Course      | Title  | Credits |
| GEN ED<br>PS 101 | Major: Intro to Comparative Politics (Requirement) (NW) (SS) | 3       | GEN ED<br>PS 105 | Major: Intro to American Politics (Requirement) (SS) | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Composition/WBIS   | 3       | GEN ED           | Communication 111                                    | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Math/PBIS  | 3       | GEN ED           | Lab Science (NS)                                     | 4       |
| GEN ED           | Humanities-Foreign Language (HU)                             | 4       | GEN ED           | Humanities-Foreign Language (HU)                     | 4       |
| GEN ED           | Physical Education 105                                       | 2       |                  |  |         |
| TOTAL            |  | 15      | TOTAL            |  | 14      |

**SECOND YEAR**

| FIRST SEMESTER   |  |         | SECOND SEMESTER |  |         |
|------------------|--|---------|-----------------|--|---------|
| Subj/Course      | Title  | Credits | Subj/Course     | Title                                      | Credits |
| GEN ED<br>PS 115 | Major: Intro to International Relations (Requirement) (SS) | 3       | PS 245          | Major: Political Methodology (Requirement) | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Humanities-Foreign Language (HU)                           | 3       | GEN ED          | Major: 300-level Elective                  | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Social Science-History (SS)                                | 3       | GEN ED          | Humanities-Foreign Language (HU)           | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Humanities -Philosophy/Religious Studies- Choice (HU)      | 3       | GEN ED          | Humanities-Fine Arts (HU)                  | 3       |
| GEN ED           | Lab Science (NS)   | 4       | GEN ED          | Humanities- Choice (HU)                    | 3       |
| TOTAL            |  | 16      | TOTAL           |  | 15      |

**THIRD YEAR**

| FIRST SEMESTER |                              |         | SECOND SEMESTER  |  |         |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------|------------------|--|---------|
| Subj/Course    | Title                        | Credits | Subj/Course      | Title  | Credits |
| PS             | Major: Choice Group 1‡       | 3       | PS               | Major: Choice Group 3  | 3       |
| PS             | Major: Choice Group 2        | 3       | PS               | Major: Choice Group 4  | 3       |
|                | Elective                     | 3       | PA               | Public Administration: Choice Group 5                          | 3       |
| GEN ED         | Advanced English Composition | 3       | GEN ED<br>PS 304 | Ethnic Studies and Major: Race & Ethnicity in US Politics (ES) | 3       |
|                | Elective                     | 3       | GEN ED           | Humanities-Literature (HU)                                     | 3       |
| TOTAL          |                              | 15      | TOTAL            |  | 15      |

**FOURTH YEAR**

| FIRST SEMESTER |                                  |         | SECOND SEMESTER |  |         |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--|---------|
| Subj/Course    | Title                            | Credits | Subj/Course     | Title  | Credits |
| PS 396         | Major: Internship in Government† | 3       | PS 401          | Political Science Senior Seminar (Requirement)                   | 3       |
| PS             | 300-level Elective               | 3       | PS              | Major: PS 370-5 Special Topics and/or Study Abroad** (300-level) | 3       |
|                | 300-level Elective               | 3       |                 | 300-level Elective   | 3       |
|                | 300-level Elective               | 3       |                 | 300-level Elective   | 3       |
|                | 300-level Elective               | 3       |                 | 300-level Elective   | 3       |
| TOTAL          |                                  | 15      | TOTAL           |  | 15      |

*This is a sample schedule that is not intended to substitute for academic advising. For information about other options, students are strongly urged to consult with an academic advisor.*

A minimum of 120 credits are required to earn a Bachelor's degree at UW Oshkosh, of which at least 35 credits must be at the upper level (300-400#); 42 upper-level credits are required for education majors. This course plan assumes no remedial course work is required and that the student meets all course prerequisites and program requirements to progress in the major (ie: GPA, etc.). Students are strongly urged to consult with an academic advisor within the Department to learn about non-course requirements (ie: portfolios, tests, internships, etc.). Students can choose either the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree for this major. BS requirements differ slightly from those listed here.

\*\* The Department of Political Science aims to offer study abroad programs at least every other summer.

‡ Students must take courses from four of five sub-disciplinary groups. They can be taken in any order, provided the appropriate 100-level course has been satisfactorily completed.

† Students may intern with local, national, or international agencies for a minimum of 3 credits. Internships are not required, but recommended.