

State University of New York at New Paltz

This **eight-semester plan** (see [important details](#)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an **advising tool** – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student's prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their [Progress Reports](#) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

Political Science

Year 1

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3	Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3
Gen Ed: Mathematical Inquiry (MATH)	3	POL216 Amer Govt & Politics - GE (USST)/Major	4
Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3	Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3
Gen Ed: The Arts (ART)	3	Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM)	3
POL229 Comparative Politics - GE (WRLD)/Major	4	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3-4
Total	16	Total	16-17

Year 2

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
Gen Ed: Western Civilization (WEST)	3	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
POL227 Intro Intl Politics - GE (SSCI)/Major	4	POL220 Athens & Jerus. OR POL323 Sovereigns, Subjects, State	4
Upper-Division Major Course	3	Upper-Division Major Elective Course - Note 1	3
Elective	3	Upper-Division Major Course	3
Elective	3	Total	13
Total	16		

Year 3

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
POL300 Scope & Methods of Political Science	4	Upper-Division Major Elective Course - Note 1	3
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Upper-Division Elective	3	Upper-Division Elective	3
Upper-Division Elective	3	Upper-Division Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15

Year 4

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
POL390 Junior Seminar - Note 2	4	POL4xx Senior Seminar (Writing Intensive)	4
Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR)	3	Upper-Division Elective	3
Upper-Division Elective	3	Upper-Division Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Total	13
Total	16		

Notes

Twelve (12) credits are to come from courses in one of the following sub-fields (concentrations): American government, political theory, comparative politics, international politics, law. The remaining six (6) credits are to be in courses from the other four sub-fields.

Optional course to prepare students for the demands of the senior seminar. May count toward the sub-field requirement or as an upper-division Political Science elective.

Total Credits: 121-122