# Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Roadmap

120 Total Units Required  
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 40

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| **Second Semester** | | |
| GE Area A: Oral Communication (A1) or Critical Thinking (A3) | | 3 |
| GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) | | 3 |
| or Written English Communication (A2) Stretch II | | |
| GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) | | 3-4 |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two | | 6 |
| | Units | 15-16 |

| **Third Semester** | | |
| GE Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) if not already satisfied | | 3 |
| or Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective | | |
| GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) | | 3-4 |
| GE Area C: Arts (C1) | | 3 |
| GE Area D: U.S. History (D2) | | 3 |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective | | 3 |
| | Units | 15-16 |

| **Fourth Semester** | | |
| PLSI 250 | Comparative Politics | 3 |
| PLSI 275 | Introduction to Political Theory | 3 |
| GE Area C: Humanities: Literature (C3) | | 3 |
| GE Area D: Social Sciences (D1) | | 3 |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective | | 3 |
| | Units | 15 |

| **Fifth Semester** | | |
| PLSI 300 | Scientific Inquiry in Political Science | 4 |
| Breadth Requirement (12 units) | | 3 |
| Electives (12 units) | | 3 |
| GE Area UD-B: Upper Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course) | | 3 |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective | | 3 |
| | Units | 16 |

<p>| <strong>Sixth Semester</strong> | | |
| Breadth Requirement (12 units) | | 3 |
| Electives (12 units) | | 3 |
| GE Area UD-C: Upper Division Arts and/or Humanities (Consider SF State Studies Course) | | 3 |</p>
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Breadth Requirement (12 units)

Electives (12 units)

GE Area UD-D: Upper Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two

Eighth Semester

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Breadth Requirement (12 units)

Electives (12 units)

Culminating Experience (3-4 units)

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two

Total Units 120-123

1 To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet LLD and SF State Studies requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.

2 ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

3 Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

4 Complementary Studies

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix that PLSI and not cross-listed with PLSI (see department website for a list of examples of majors that offer such courses). Eight of the twelve Complementary Studies units may count toward the major by completing units in related disciplines. These courses should either have a direct bearing to the study of politics, or they should be shown to deepen and enrich the study of politics in particular and articulable ways. The student will consult with an advisor in the department (or the undergraduate advisor) to ensure that their choices fulfill the department’s requirements for Complementary Studies. Students can also satisfy their complementary studies by completing a related minor or secondary major, or through an approved Study Abroad program (see department website for more details).

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement in order to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

5 Breadth Requirement (12 Units)

Upper division Political Science courses chosen to include at least one course in at least three of these five sub-fields:

- American politics,
- Comparative politics,
- Political theory,
- Public administration and policy, and
- Public law.

A PLSI GWAR course must be taken toward partial fulfillment of either the Breadth or Elective requirements.

6 Electives (12 Units)

It is recommended that elective units be taken in political science. However, in some cases, up to eight upper division units may be selected from related departments with consent of a major advisor.

A PLSI GWAR course must be taken toward partial fulfillment of either the Breadth or Elective requirements.

7 Culminating Experience (3-4 units)

PLSI 605 Senior Seminar in Applied Research Methods (4 units)
PLSI 606 Senior Seminar in American Politics (3 units)
PLSI 607 Seminar in Comparative Politics (3 units)
PLSI 608 Seminar in Political Theory (3 units)
PLSI 609 Seminar in Public Law: Legal Issues (3 units)
PLSI 612 Senior Seminar Study Abroad: At Beijing University (3 units)

Either a course that is taught by SF State political science faculty abroad or an equivalent study abroad course designated by an advisor.