

Baruch COLLEGE

BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

42 Pathways Credits

9 Pre-Weissman Credits

24 Major Credits

45 Elective Credits

The degree map is a term-by-term sample course schedule to make it easier for you to understand how to graduate in four years with a Political Science major. Use the Degree Map along with DegreeWorks as tools to assist you in planning your academic path to graduation. Your specific program of study could, and probably will, look different. You need to customize your Degree Map to fit your individual needs.

NOTE: A minimum 120 credits is required for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. A minimum of 90 liberal arts credits is required for the BA. FYS 1000 is a requirement for the first term at Baruch College and MUST be completed in order to graduate.

FALL

ENG 2100 Writing I ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3 CR
MTH 2140 or MTH 2160 Math and Quantitative Reasoning or Ideas in Math and Applications MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING	3 CR
Flexible Core Course PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
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FYS 1000 First Year Seminar DEGREE REQUIREMENT	0 CR

FRESHMAN

SPRING

ENG 2150 Writing II ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3 CR
Foreign Language I 1st Semester of Foreign Language PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT	3 CR
COM 1010 Speech Communication PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT	3 CR
POL 1101 American Government PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Flexible Core Course PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR

15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 30 CREDITS

FALL

Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Foreign Language II 2nd Semester of Foreign Language PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Elective ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Life and Physical Sciences Natural Sciences Lab Course PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Scientific World Natural Sciences Lecture Course PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR

SOPHOMORE

SPRING

Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
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Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Elective ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
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30 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 60 CREDITS

*Free Electives can be any business, liberal arts, or public affairs course

JUNIOR

FALL

Liberal Arts Minor Course College Option Course #4 PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Elective ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR

SPRING

ENG 2800, CMP 2800, ENG 2850, or CMP 2850 Great Works of Literature I or II PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Minor Course College Option Course #3 PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
POL 4900 Political Science Capstone Seminar MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR

60 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 90 CREDITS

SENIOR

FALL

Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Elective ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Liberal Arts Minor Capstone College Option Course #2 PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR

SPRING

Major Elective MAJOR REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR
Free Elective* ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT	3 CR

90 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 120 CREDITS

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THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF

General Notes

- All Weissman School of Arts and Science majors require completion of at least 90 credits of liberal arts courses
- Your major must be at least 24 credits
- **Be sure to consult with your faculty advisor regarding specific major requirements**
- You must complete a liberal arts minor as part of the College Option requirement to graduate
- You must maintain a 2.0 Baruch GPA in order to remain in Good Academic Standing. You must also maintain a 2.0 major GPA in order to graduate
- FYS 1000 (First Year Seminar) is a required course for all students who entered as new freshmen. Transfer students are not required to take this course
- Consult with the Undergraduate Bulletin to check course descriptions for prerequisites and restrictions: <https://www.baruch.cuny.edu/bulletin/>

The following subjects are considered liberal arts
and can be taken at any level to satisfy liberal arts electives:

AAS	ANT	ART	BIO	BLS	CHM	COM
CMP	ECO	ENG	ENV	FLM	FPA	HED
HIS	HSP	IDC	JRN	LACS	LIB	LTT
LTS	MSC	MTH	PHI	PHY	POL	PSY
	REL	SOC	THE	NSC	WSM	

The following courses are **not** considered liberal arts:

ART 3059	ART 5010	ART 5011	COM 4059	ECO 5010	ECO 5011
FPA 5070	FPA 5071	HED 1810	HED 2920	MSC 2061	MSC 2062
MSC 2063	MSC 2064	MSC 5050	MSC 5051	SOC 4085	SOC 4086
		THE 3046	THE 3056		

Notes about the Major

- In order to officially become a major in Political Science, students **must go in person to the Political Science Department (NVC 5-280) to fill out a major declaration form and have it approved by the chair.**
- The Political Science major is unusually flexible. Students are required to take American Government ([POL 1101](#)), a capstone seminar ([POL 4900](#)), plus seven other political science courses, representing at least four of the six subfields:

American Government and Political Institutions	Comparative Politics
International Politics	Political Theory and Methodology
Public Policy	Urban Politics

- At least two electives must be at the 3000-level.
- *Important Advisory Regarding Capstones:* Students must complete at least two 3000-level courses in Political Science BEFORE they are eligible to register for the capstone ([POL 4900](#)). Political Science does NOT offer any capstone courses in summer or winter sessions.