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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Undergraduate		
Type of proposal	Major/Field of Study		
Select a reason for this modification			
Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)			
Are you adding a concentration?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a track?			
No			
Are you adding or modifying a focused study?			
No			
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2026		
College/School Code	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)		
Department Code	Department of Political Science (PLSC)		

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. Provost Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. PLSC Chair
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15. Catalog Editor Final

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Program Title

Political Science, Bachelor of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

What are the total 120
hours needed to
complete the
program?

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

The following credit hour requirements must be met (see [Degree Completion Program Policy](#) for additional information).

[State minimum core](#) requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous course credit earned. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic adviser.

State minimum core		35
PLSC 20003	American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) ¹	3
PLSC 20103	Introduction to Comparative Politics ²	3
PLSC 28103	Introduction to International Relations ²	3
or PLSC 31003	Public Administration	
PLSC 49703	Course PLSC 49703 Not Found (Political Science Capstone)	<u>3</u>
or PLSC 499HV	Honors Essay	
18 additional credit hours in political science (PLSC) courses numbered 30000-level or higher. No more than 9 credit hours may come from PLSC 3000V , PLSC 3940V , PLSC 4980V , or PLSC 499HV .		18
PLSC 41503	Public Policy	3
or PLSC 49103	International Studies Seminar	
or PLSC 499HV	Honors Essay	
Students must satisfy either Requirement A or Requirement B from below.		12
Requirement A		
Completion of a world language course up to the Intermediate II level. ³		
Requirement B		

<u>PHIL 20003</u>	Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) ⁴	
or <u>PHIL 22003</u>	Logic (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003)	
<u>MATH 21003</u>	Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103)	
or <u>ISYS 10303</u>	Data Analysis and Interpretation	
<u>MATH 22003</u>	Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203)	
or <u>MATH 20503</u>	Finite Mathematics	
or <u>MATH 21803</u>	Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World	
or <u>MATH 24004</u>	Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405)	
<u>PLSC 36003</u>	Scope and Methods of Political Science	
Any UA offered credit hours 30000-level or higher (hours vary depending on choices in major)		3-9
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours that have a course prerequisite (hours vary depending on choices in major)		4-10
General Electives		24-36
Total Hours		120

¹
[PLSC 20003](#) can also meet state minimum core US History/Government or Social Science. (Students must ensure that they take at least one non-PLSC Social Science State Minimum Core class.)

²
[PLSC 20103](#) and [PLSC 28103](#) can also meet state minimum core Social Science. (Students must ensure that they take at least one non-PLSC Social Science State Minimum Core class.)

³
Students pursuing Requirement A must complete a different Humanities [state minimum core](#) course in addition to the Intermediate I level course of a world language, which otherwise would normally count toward this requirement.

⁴
Students pursuing Requirement B must complete a different Humanities [state minimum core](#) course in addition to either [PHIL 20003](#) or [PHIL 22003](#), which otherwise would normally count toward this requirement.

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Eight-Semester Degree Plan

Students enrolling in the eight-semester degree plan should review the [Eight-Semester Degree Completion Policy](#). State minimum core requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
ENGL 10103 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.1) ¹	3	
Satisfies General Education Outcome 2.1: ¹		
MATH 11103 Quantitative Reasoning (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1113)	3	
or MATH 11003 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103)		
or any MATH course numbered higher than MATH 11003		
PLSC 20003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) (Satisfies State minimum	3	
core US History or Government and General Education Outcomes 3.3 and 4.2) ¹		
Fine Arts state minimum core (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.1) ¹	3	
General Electives ¹	3	
ENGL 10203 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Satisfies General Education Outcome 1.2) ¹	3	
PLSC 20103 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Satisfies State minimum core Social Science and	3	
General Education Outcomes 4.1 and 5.1)		
Social Sciences state minimum core (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3) ¹	3	
Humanities state minimum core (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.2) ¹	3	
General Electives ¹	3	
Year Total:	15	15
Second Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
PLSC 28103 Introduction to International Relations	3	
or PLSC 31003 Public Administration		
Requirement A or B course	3	
Social Sciences state minimum core (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.3) ¹	3	
Science state minimum core with corequisite lab (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4)	4	
General Electives ¹	3	
Requirement A or B course		3
Science state minimum core with corequisite lab (Satisfies General Education Outcome 3.4) ¹		4
PLSC course numbered 30000-level or higher		3
General Electives ¹		6
Year Total:	16	16

Third Year		Units
		FallSpring
Requirement A or B course		3
PLSC course numbered 30000-level or higher		6
Any UA offered credit hours 30000-level or higher		3
General Electives ¹		3
Requirement A or B course		3
PLSC course numbered 30000-level or higher		6
Any UA offered credit hours 30000-level or higher (if needed. Otherwise take General Electives)		6
Year Total:		15 15
Fourth Year		Units
		FallSpring
Satisfies General Education Outcomes 1.2 and 6.1:¹		
PLSC 41503 Public Policy		3 -
or PLSC 49103 International Studies Seminar		
or PLSC 499HV Honors Essay		
<u>Choose 1 (Satisfies General Education Outcomes 6.1):¹</u>		<u>3</u> =
<u>PLSC 49703 Course PLSC 49703 Not Found (Political Science Capstone)</u>		
<u>PLSC 499HV Honors Essay</u>		
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours which have a course prerequisite	4	
General Electives ¹		8
PLSC course numbered 30000-level or higher		3
Any 30000-level or higher credit hours or any 20000-level credit hours which have a course prerequisite (if needed. Otherwise take General Electives)		6
General Electives ¹		4
Year Total:		15 13
Total Units in Sequence:		120
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Students must complete the State Minimum Core and the requirements of their major(s) as outlined in the Catalog of Studies. These courses also fulfill many, if not all, of the General Education Requirements . Please visit these pages in the links provided and consult with your academic adviser when making course selections to fulfill these requirements.		

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 500-600

Scheduled Program Review Date 2026-2027

Program Goals and Objectives

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PLSC prepares its students to develop:

- ☐ a thorough understanding of selected topics in domestic or international affairs
- ☐ a comprehension of diversity politics and policy
- ☐ an understanding of appropriate methodologies to study issues and topics associated with political science
- ☐ a thorough career oriented skill set

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

At the end of their studies students should be able to:

- (1) understand the linkage between political, social, and economic issues, with special attention to diversity;
- (2) apply that knowledge to the analysis of real world domestic and international political problems;
- (3) write, analyze and communicate in a professionally competent manner;
- (4) grasp the role of institutions and organizations in the shaping of politics in both domestic and international settings.

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
1. Removing PLSC 41503 and PLSC 49103 as required options in major and replacing with new Capstone course, PLSC 49703. This new course better distinguishes nature of requirement.	1. This better distinguishes nature of requirement.
2. Updating BUSI 10303 to new course number, ISYS 10303.	2. Course number change.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (02/03/26 11:14 am): PLSC 49703 in workflow for Fall 2026.