

POLITICAL SCIENCE PRE-MAJOR

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The following pre-major is recommended for students who are considering completing a Bachelor's degree in Political Science after transferring to a four-year institution. It is designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet both Oakton and transfer institution requirements.

For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the department chair. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for part-time pre-major recommendations. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

First Year		Hours
Semester One		
PSC 101	American Government	3
EGL 101	Composition I	3
EAS 105 or EAS 121	Introduction to Weather and Climate or Physical Geography	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 111	United States History to 1877	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
HIS 131	Western Civilization to 1650	
HIS 132	Western Civilization since 1650	
HIS 140	History of Contemporary Non-Western Civilizations ¹	
or other Social and Behavioral Sciences course		
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 140	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies ²	
PHL 205	World Religions ¹	
HUM 210	World Mythologies ¹	
EGL 130	Introduction to Global Literature ¹	
EGL 134	Introduction to African-American Literature ²	
or other Humanities course		
Hours		15
Semester Two		
PSC 103	Introduction to Political Science	3
EGL 102	Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		4
MAT 125	General Education Mathematics	
MAT 131	Elementary Statistics	
MAT 180	Calculus for Business and Social Science	
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ³	
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
GEG 120	World Regional Geography ¹	
GEG 122	Cultural Geography ¹	
or other Social and Behavioral Sciences course		
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 120	Western Culture and the Arts: Beginnings through the Middle Ages	
HUM 121	Western Culture and the Arts: Renaissance through the 20th Century	
ART 114	Art History: Art of the Non-Western World ¹	

HUM 161	Global Cinema ¹	
HUM 165	Introduction to World Music ¹	
or other Fine Arts course		
Hours		16
Second Year		
Semester One		
PSC 202	International Relations ¹	3
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
Select one of the following (must be a lab course):		4
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science	
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science ¹	
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 129	Introduction to Literature	
PHL 105	Logic	
PHL 106	Ethics	
HUM 127	Introduction to Philosophy	
MUS 236	Music Literature and History	
or other Humanities/Fine Arts course		
Choose one Humanities/Fine Arts course that may also satisfy Global Studies and/or U.S. Diversity Studies requirements (Modern Language 202 ¹ or higher recommended)		3
Hours		16
Semester Two		
PSC 201	Comparative Government ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
PSY 202	Social Psychology ²	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ²	
SOC 103	Social Problems ³	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ²	
EGL 135	Introduction to Native American Literature ³	
or other U.S. Diversity Studies course		
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 204	History of South Asia II ¹	
HIS 211	History of Modern Africa ¹	
HIS 216	History of Modern China ¹	
HIS 226	History of the Islamic Middle East in Modern Times ¹	
HIS 234	History of Modern Latin America ¹	
or other Social and Behavioral Sciences course		
Select two Social and Behavioral Sciences courses		6
Hours		15
Total Hours		62

¹ Course fulfills the Global Studies requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.

² Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Studies requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity Studies course is required for degree completion.

³ Course fulfills both the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Studies requirements.

Note: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. See Associate in Arts (A.A.) page for degree requirements.