

College of Arts and Sciences 2026-2027 Degree Worksheet

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES Language Requirement

All students who major in the College of Arts & Sciences are required to demonstrate competence in a second language. For complete details:

<https://www.gonzaga.edu/college-of-arts-sciences/about/information-for-students/language-requirement-information>

Credits Sem/Yr

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UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

► FUNDAMENTAL CORE COURSES

Year 1: Understanding & Creating

Writing	Credits Sem/Yr
ENGL 101 Writing (fulfills 3cr Writing Enriched) [▲]	3
Reasoning	
PHIL 101 Reasoning	3
First Year Seminar	
Dept. 193	3
Communication & Speech	
COMM 100 Communication & Speech	3
Math	
MATH (must be above Math 100)	3
Scientific Inquiry (2cr + 1cr lab)	
BIOL or CHEM or PHYS 104/104L (taken year 1 or 2)	3

Year 2: Being & Becoming

Christianity & Catholic Traditions	Credits Sem/Yr
RELI (see approved list)**	3
Philosophy of Human Nature	
PHIL 201 Philosophy of Human Nature	3

Year 3: Caring & Doing

World/Comparative Religion	Credits Sem/Yr
RELI (see approved list)** (fulfills 3cr Global Studies) [♦]	3
Ethics	
PHIL 301 Ethics or RELI 330 Principles-Christian Morality	3

Year 4: Imagining the Possible

Core Integration Seminar	Credits Sem/Yr
Dept. 432	3

NOTE: some courses have pre-requisites, check the catalog carefully!

► BROADENING COURSES - see approved list**

Social & Behavioral Science	Credits Sem/Yr
	3
Literature	
	3
History	
	3
Fine Arts & Design	
	3

► REQUIRED COURSE DESIGNATIONS - see approved list**

Writing Enriched	Credits Sem/Yr
	9 total
Social Justice	
	3 total
Global Studies	
	6 total

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE:

36 CREDITS

LOWER DIVISION: 15 Credits

Required

15 Credits

Course	Course Title	Credits	Grade
POLS	101 Intro to American Politics	3	
POLS	103 Intro to Comparative Politics	3	
POLS	104 Intro to International Politics	3	
POLS	201 Political Thought and Praxis*	3	
POLS	202 How to Study Politics*	3	

* POLS 201 + POLS 202 are restricted to POLS Majors and Minors

UPPER DIVISION: 21 Credits

Required

3 Credits

POLS	498 Senior Seminar	3	
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One of the following 18-credit focus options:

American Politics

18 Credits

POLS	301-327, 332, 346, 484 (American Politics)	9	
POLS	317, 330-346, 486 (Political Thought)	3	
POLS	328, 329, 343, 350-380, 408, 488 (Comparative Politics or International Relations)	3	
POLS	301-497 (Elective)	3	

Comparative Politics

18 Credits

POLS	301-327, 332, 346, 484 (American Politics)	3	
POLS	317, 330-346, 486 (Political Thought)	3	
POLS	328, 329, 352-357, 360, 364, 365, 368, 372, 488 (Comparative Politics)	9	
POLS	301-497 (Elective)	3	

International Relations

18 Credits

POLS	301-327, 332, 346, 484 (American Politics)	3	
POLS	317, 330-346, 486 (Political Thought)	3	
POLS	343, 350, 351, 359, 361, 363, 366, 367, 369-371, 373-380, 487 (International Relations)	9	
POLS	301-497 (Elective)	3	

****for list of approved RELI, Broadening & Designated courses, see :**

<https://my.gonzaga.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/general-degree-requirements-procedures/university-core>