



University of Montana - Four-Year Academic Plan 2023-2024

College of Humanities and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science

This is an example of a four year graduation plan for a degree in Political Science.

This is a sample academic plan. Students should meet with an academic advisor prior to registration to formulate their own plan.

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall		Fall		Fall		Fall	
PSCI 210S - Intro to American Government	3	PSCI 300+ Field Course	3	PSCI 300+ Course	3	PSCI 400 Advanced Writing in Political Science	1
PSCI 220S - Intro to Comparative Government	3	PSCI 300+ Field Course	3	Elective	12	PSCI 300+ Course	3
WRIT 101 - College Writing	3	General Education Course	3			PSCI 498 Internship	3
Foreign Language	4	Elective	5			Elective	7
General Education Course	3						
Credits	16	Credits	14	Credits	15	Credit	14
Spring		Spring		Spring		Spring	
PSCI 230X - Intro to International Relations	3	PSCI 300+ Field Course	3	PSCI 300+ Course	3	PSCI 300+ Course	3
PSCI 250E - Intro to Political Theory	3	Intermediate Writing	3	General Education Course	3	PSCI 300+ Course	3
Foreign Language	4	General Education Course	3	Elective	9	PSCI 498 Internship	3
Contemporary Math	3	Elective	6			Elective	6
General Education Course	3						
Credits	16	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	15
Summer		Summer		Summer		Summer	
Credits	0	Credits	0	Credits	0	Credits	0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

**Notes:**  
 Political Science students may select one or more of the following concentrations: \*General Political Science \*American Politics \*International Relations & Comparative Politics \*Public Administration & Public Policy \*Public Law  
 Please speak with your faculty mentor when selecting concentrations. These courses are part of the plan about and do not require additional credits.

# ElevateU Career Readiness Plan

GRADUATE CAREER-READY BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BELOW ACTIVITIES WHILE AT UM.

**Discover how your strengths, values, and interests relate to career and education pathways.**

- Take the Strong Interest Inventory or other career assessments to see what careers may be a good fit for you.\*
- Download the Handshake app and activate your account to explore jobs\*
- Attend “careers and opportunities” fairs and join a First Time at the Fair tour\*
- Join student groups that align with your interests\*
- Explore career options at What Can I Do With This Major? (click on “Major Exploration”)\*
- Learn about specific occupations on O\*Net Online
- Schedule an appointment for Career Planning and Major Exploration

**EXPLORE**  
*Pathways for you*

**Participate in experiential (hands-on) learning to refine your interests and goals.**

- Seek and apply for internships or part-time jobs on Handshake\*
- Participate in Volunteer Programs\*
- Consider studying abroad or at another US university for a semester or year\*
- Consider an internship abroad\*
- Conduct undergraduate research at UM\*
  - Secure a paid micro-internship
  - Participate in the Griz Career Skills Program
  - Schedule an appointment for Internship Search, International Internship Search, National Student Exchange, Job Search Strategies, and Handshake How-To

**EXPERIENCE**  
*and Grow*

- Meet employers at career fairs and events\*
- Develop a stellar resume and cover letter\*
- Practice interview skills
- Learn how to negotiate your salary and benefits package
- Fine-tune your LinkedIn profile
- Apply for jobs, graduate/professional school, or national service
- Schedule an appointment for Resume, Cover letter, Interview Prep, Personal Statement, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning

**ELEVATE**  
*to Your Career*

**Refine your personal brand and develop stand-out application materials to achieve your goals**

**EMBRACE**  
*Your Goals*

- Strengthen relationships with faculty and supervisors who can guide and recommend you\*
  - Connect with alumni in fields or companies of interest through the Griz Career Network
  - Expand your network to gain insights and support through LinkedIn
  - Conduct career conversations with professionals in fields of interest
  - Gain industry and company-specific skills through free Forage job simulations
  - Schedule an appointment to discuss Networking Strategies, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning
- Develop skills and network to help you pursue your goals**

## YOUR CAREER SUPPORT OFFICES AT UM

**Experiential Learning & Career Success (ELCS) is for all UM students!**

**Students in the following Schools and Colleges have additional access to the following career services:**

- College of Business Career Development Center
- Career Trailhead professional readiness program
- College of Humanities and Sciences Career Planning Center
- Davidson Honors College Career Development Program
- School of Law Career Development Office
- Missoula College Career Services

