

# Political Science Major

Four Year Sample Plan for students beginning at Covenant during the 2025-2026 academic year

This plan includes the courses for the bachelor of arts degree (B.A.) with a major in Political Science. Each student's plan may need to be customized to fit that student's interests and abilities; this should be done with the guidance of an academic advisor in the Political Science major.

| <b>Freshman - Fall Semester</b>     | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Freshman - Spring Semester</b>  | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| BIB 101 Old Testament Introduction  | 3            | BIB 102 New Testament Introduction | 3            |
| COR 100 The Christian Mind          | 2            | ENG 111 English Composition        | 3            |
| COR 154 Embracing Human Flourishing | 2            | MAT 141 College Algebra            | 4            |
| POL 105 Political Research Methods  | 3            | POL 210 International Relations    | 3            |
| POL 202 American Government         | 3            | Core Foreign Language course #2    | 3            |
| Core Foreign Language course #1     | 3            |                                    |              |
| Total semester hours                | 16           | Total semester hours               | 16           |

| <b>Sophomore - Fall Semester</b>        | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Sophomore - Spring Semester</b>         | <b>Hours</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| BIB 201 Christian Doctrine I            | 3            | BIB 202 Christian Doctrine II              | 3            |
| COR 225 Cultural Heritage of the West I | 3            | COR 226 Cultural Heritage of the West II   | 3            |
| ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics    | 4            | ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics       | 3            |
| POL 200 Comparative Politics            | 3            | STA 254 Statistics for the Social Sciences | 4            |
| Core Natural Science Lab course         | 4            | Core Humanities Distribution course        | 3            |
| Total semester hours                    | 17           | Total semester hours                       | 16           |

| <b>Junior - Fall Semester</b>       | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Junior - Spring Semester</b>    | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| HIS 325 Contemporary World History  | 3            | COR 340 Christ and Culture Seminar | 1            |
| HIS 305 History of Political Theory | 3            | Global Awareness Course            | 3            |
| Core Fine Arts Distribution course  | 3            | American Elective # 2              | 3            |
| American Elective #1                | 3            | International Relations Elective   | 3            |
| Comparative Elective                | 3            | Electives                          | 6            |
| Total semester hours                | 15           | Total semester hours               | 15           |

| <b>Senior - Fall Semester</b> | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Senior - Spring Semester</b> | <b>Hours</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| POL 491 Senior Seminar        | 3            | POL 492 Capstone Project        | 3            |
| Cultural Inquiry course       | 3            | Electives                       | 12           |
| American Elective # 3         | 3            |                                 |              |
| Electives                     | 6            |                                 |              |
| Total semester hours          | 15           | Total semester hours            | 15           |

Total credit hours: 126

## Additional Information

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**List of American electives (need three):**

HIS 218 Studies in U.S. Constitutional History  
POL 300 Public Policy  
POL 312 Executive and Legislative Branches  
POL 355 Federalism and Separation of Powers  
POL 365 Civil Rights and Liberties

**List of Comparative electives (need one):**

POL 310 Public Opinion  
POL 320 Latin American Politics  
POL 325 European Politics  
POL 329 Authoritarian Politics  
POL 405 Social Movements

**List of International Relations electives (need one):**

HIS 340 20th Century U.S. Foreign Relations  
POL 302 International Organizations  
POL 335 Terrorism  
POL 345 International Security  
POL 375 International Political Economy  
POL 385 Forced Migration  
POL 420 Decision Making

This guide is intended to be used as a helpful tool. In the future, some courses may be offered in a different semester than listed here. So, this plan should not be understood as a guarantee or contract of the exact scheduling of courses. Each student should use this plan with the understanding that customization may be needed to fit his or her specific situation.