

Sample Four-Year Degree Plan
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE



The State University of New York at Fredonia is committed to doing our part to provide each student a clear path to graduation. This four-year degree plan is a sample map for fulfilling requirements in the major, the College Core Curriculum (CCC), and other supporting courses. The pathway that you take to your degree may differ somewhat from this illustration, depending on where you start and the detours and side trips you may take along the way. If you are committed to completing your degree in four years, we encourage you to consider signing up for the Fredonia in 4 program. For complete information about this degree program, please consult the university catalog at fredonia.smartcatalogiq.com

FIRST YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course	Credits	
POLI 120	American Politics	3	POLI 200	Statistics	3
POLI 150	US and World Affairs	3	POLI 241	Comparative Politics	3
CCC	American History	3	CCC	Other World Civilizations	3
CCC	Basic Communication	3	CCC	Western Civilization	3
CCC	Social Science	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	TOTAL		
		15	15		

SECOND YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course	Credits	
	Upper-Level POLI: Concentration	3		Upper-Level POLI: Concentration	3
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CCC	Humanities	3	CCC	Art	3
CCC	Natural Science	3	CCC	Foreign Language	3
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		TOTAL	TOTAL		
		15	15		

THIRD YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course	Credits	
	Upper-Level POLI: Concentration	3		Upper-Level POLI: Concentration	3
	Upper-Level POLI: Concentration	3		Internship	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	TOTAL		
		15	15		

FOURTH YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course	Credits	
POLI 450	Capstone Seminar	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	TOTAL		
		15	15		

2016-2017			GRAND TOTAL	
			120	

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The B.A. Political Science degree is designed to prepare students as informed citizens and leaders in the public and private sector. Our department offers a wide array of courses and specialization across American politics, comparative politics, international relations, public law and political theory. Areas of specialization include U.S. foreign policy, Latin American politics, European politics, media and politics, constitutional law, elections, Congress, the presidency, public administration, public policy and many other areas.

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Why Study the Social Sciences at Fredonia?

Social science is the scientific study of society and the manner in which people behave and influence the world around them.

- At Fredonia, students can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or an Interdisciplinary major in International Studies. Students can also earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences (CDS), Psychology, or Social Work.
- Supplement your academic programs with relevant co-curricular activities, such as discipline-specific honor societies and clubs, which distinguish your resume from the rest.

Minors in Social Science

Explore a second academic interest while making yourself more attractive to potential employers by completing a minor in Anthropology, CDS, Criminal Justice, General Psychology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Industrial-Organizational (IO) Psychology, Legal Studies, Museum Studies, School and Counseling Psychology, Political Science, Public Health, or Sociology.



Learn from and work with exceptional faculty

- Numerous SUNY and Fulbright awards have been presented to Fredonia faculty, many of whom hold leadership positions in national associations, edit professional journals and advocate for critical issues in their fields.
- Fredonia faculty are eager to have students join them in their research efforts. As undergraduates, Fredonia students receive one-on-one mentoring with faculty, resulting in scholarly presentations at local, regional and national conferences, as well as articles published in scholarly journals.

Be ready for a career or advanced study

- 96% of new Fredonia graduates report they are either working in their chosen field of study or are pursuing an advanced degree.
- Fredonia has a strong record of students succeeding in graduate programs within their disciplines and in other fields, such as medical and public health professions, law school, and public administration and policy.

Applied learning

- Enhance your learning through independent study (working one-on-one with a faculty member) or service learning (putting what you've learned to work in the community in a volunteer capacity).
- The social sciences at Fredonia have very strong internship and field placement programs. Students have opportunities to work within their chosen field as an undergrad.

Career choices

Our graduates become employed in a variety of fields, such as:

- Speech-language pathology in medical or educational settings
- School psychology and guidance counseling
- Industrial-organizational psychology and human factors
- Counseling and social work
- Law enforcement and corrections
- Legal services
- Community and social services
- Government and international relations
- Market research
- Education and consulting

Additional paths

- Become a volunteer in the Peace Corps
- Pursue master's and doctoral degrees, or professional certificates

You're ready for the challenge.
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