ABOUT THE MAJOR
The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a Major in Political Science at the University of West Georgia offers a course of study leading to an Undergraduate Degree in Political Science. This is our most popular degree program. For the B.S. degree students take one course in each of the four main areas of Political Science: American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Students complete the major with six additional courses in areas of their choosing. Students can select from the four fields above as well as courses in Public Administration, policy analysis, data analytics, and law. Students complete their coursework by taking a capstone seminar during their senior year.

ABOUT THIS MAP
This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?
- Educator
- Federal, State, and Local Government
- Intelligence and Homeland Security
- Interest Groups
- International and Domestic Business
- International Development
- Local Nonprofit Organization
- Law
- Policy Analyst
- Political Campaigns

ADD A CERTIFICATE
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Nonprofit Management & Community Development
- Public Management

HONORS COLLEGE
Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

CORE CREDIT HOURS
60

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS
42

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS
18

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.
TERM 1: FALL

C1: ENGL 1101 English Composition I
P2: POLS 1101 American Government
F: PHIL 2020 Critical Thinking
M: MATH 1401 Elementary Statistics
T2: NON-LAB SCIENCE

MILESTONES:
• POLS 1101 is a prerequisite for all other POLS major courses.

TERM 2: SPRING

C2: ENGL 1102 English Composition II
S1 or P1 World or US History
T1: SCIENCE + LAB
A: HUMANITIES
I1: ORAL COMMUNICATION

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 31 CREDIT HOURS

YEAR 1

TERM 1: FALL

• Focus on your Core IMPACTS courses to build your foundations.
• Your English and Communication courses will help you with your political science coursework.
• Take POLS 1101 – intro to American Government right away! It's a prerequisite for all your other political science major courses.

TERM 2: SPRING

• Consider applying for an on-campus job.
• Create your profile on Handshake.
• Connections.
• Visit Office of Career and Graduate School and majors are right for you.
• Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
• Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
• Visit Health Services.
• Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
• Consider volunteering for a campaign or registration.
• Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
• Consider volunteering for a campaign or registration.
• Attend Constitution Day at UWG.

YEAR 2

TERM 1: FALL

F: POLS 2101 Introduction to Political Science
A: HUMANITIES
S2: SOCIAL SCIENCE
T3: STEM COURSE
I2: INSTITUTIONAL OPTION

TERM 2: SPRING

• Don't put off those science and math courses!
• Make sure to mix those in with your other coursework so that you're developing the skills you need when you need them and not overwhelming yourself in a single semester.
• Identify courses within each area of your major (like comparative, international relations, etc.) that fit with your career goals.

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TERM 1: FALL

• Get involved with the student government.
• Check out UWG’s Academic Transition Programs.
• Attend Constitution Day at UWG.
• Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.
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• Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.

TERM 2: SPRING

• Thinking about law school? Check out the pre-law society.
• Join the civic book club.
• Attend guest lectures hosted by the Murphy Center.
• Attend UWG Scholars’ Day.

YEAR 2

TERM 1: FALL

• Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
• Check out the education abroad office.

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• In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
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  - 3 CREDIT HOURS

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- **ELECTIVE**
  - Upper Division Course
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CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you and take a mental health screening.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

PAVE YOUR PATH

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- Use your electives to explore other disciplines and find courses complementary to your major! Not sure where to start? Ask your political science faculty and your advisor what they would recommend!

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Consider running for office in student government.
- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new political science students.
- Ask about research opportunities with your favorite political science professor.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
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