

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Freshman Curriculum Planning Guide and Four-Year Plan
Fayetteville State University (2026-2027)**

University College Core Curriculum (General Education 38 Credits)	Course	Cr.	Term	Grade
Transitional Studies – University Studies (2 Credits)¹ <i>Select one option from (UNIV 101/102) or UNIV 110 or UNIV 111 or UNIV 112</i>		1		
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Transitional Studies – Life Skills (2 Credits) <i>Select two credits from the following: ENTR 100 or FINC 100 or GEOG 110 or HEED 112 or HEED 113 or PEDU 101 or PEDU 107 or PEDU 112 or PEDU 120 or PEDU 122 or PEDU 130 or PEDU 132 or PEDU 140</i>		2		
Communication Skills – Written Communication (3 Credits) – ENGL 110		3		
Information Literacy (3 Credits) – ENGL 120		3		
Communication Skills – Oral Communication (3 Credits) <i>Select one from the following: BADM 215 or SPEE 200</i>		3		
Reasoning Skills – Critical Thinking (3 Credits)² <i>Select one from the following: PHIL 110 or PHIL 220</i>		3		
Reasoning Skills – Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)³ <i>Select one from the following: MATH 123 or MATH 126 or MATH 129 or MATH 130 or MATH 131 or POLI 240 or STAT 202</i>		3		
Scientific Literacy – Natural Sciences (8 Credits)⁴ <i>Select from the following: ASTR 101/101L or ASTR 102/102L or ASTR 213 or ASTR 214 or BIOL 111/111L or BIOL 131/BIOL 131L or BIOL 150/150L or BIOL 160/160L or CHEM 105/105L or CHEM 106/106L or CHEM 141/141L or CHEM 161/161L or ENEC 201/201L or ENEC 202/202L or GEOG 200 or NSCI 111/111L or NSCI 121/121L or PHYS 115 or PHYS 116 or PHYS 125/125L or PHYS 126/126L</i>		4		
		3		
Scientific Literacy – Social Sciences (3 Credits) <i>CRJC 210 or ECON 211 or ECON 212 or ENEC 270/POLI 270 or GEOG 210 or HIST 212 or HIST 271 or POLI 200 or POLI 210 or POLI 220 or POLI 270 or PSYC 210 or SOCI 210</i>		3		
Humanities and Creative Arts (3 Credits) <i>Select one from the following: ART 210 or COMM 220 or ENGL 220 or ENGL 223 or ENGL 240 or ENGL 250 or ENGL 253 or HIST 210 or HUMN 211 or HUMN 212 or HUMN 213 or HUMN 215 or MUSI 210 or MUSI 225 or MUSI 260 or PHIL 210 or RELI 215 or THEA 203</i>		3		
Global Literacy (3 Credits)⁵ <i>Select one from the following: ANTH 210 or ART 150 or ART 215 or BADM 210 or CHIN 110 or CHIN 120 or ENGL 211 or ENGL 212 or FREN 110 or FREN 120 or GEOG 220 or HIST 110 or HIST 120 or HIST 270 or PHIL 211 or POLI 230 or SOCI 150 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 112 or SPAN 120 or SPAN 122 or SPAN 211 or THEA 242 or YORU 110 or YORU 120</i>		3		
Ethics and Civic Engagement (3 Credits) <i>Select three credits from the following: BADM 220 or CRJC 203 or EDUC 211 or ENEC 210 or ENGL 232 or ENGL 233 or (ETCE 101/102/103) or ETCE 200 or GEOG 270 or HCM 200 or HIST 211 or PHIL 120 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 250 or PNUR 210 or POLI 150 or SPTM 210 or SWRK 220</i>		3		
Foundations of American Democracy (3 Credits)² <i>Select three credits from the following: BADM 220 or ENGL 111 or HCM 200 or HIST 211 or HIST 212 or HUMN 216 or HUMN 217 or PHIL 230 or POLI 150 or POLI 210</i>		3**		

Notes

- 1 UNIV 101-UNIV 102 required for all first-time students; UNIV 110 required for transfer students with fewer than 30 transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if the requirement is waived. UNIV 111 may be required based on academic performance
 - 2 Not required for students with 60+ transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived
 - 3 MATH 121 may be required based on profile scores. Some core courses require a one-hour lab.
 - 4 At least one natural science class must include its associated lab. Some majors require two lab sciences, increasing requirement to 8 credits
 - 5 Not required for students with 30 or more transfer credits from a foreign institution. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived.
- ** The course selected may also be used to satisfy another core requirement. The credits count only once.

Four-Year Plan

This Plan illustrates how students can meet degree course requirements in four years. Some courses listed below may be taken in an alternate order. Courses fulfilling requirements are listed on the previous pages. For information about prerequisites and other program requirements, consult the appropriate Catalog Program of Study and an advisor. Students should work with advisor to create and update an individual plan in Degree Works.

Year 1 Fall		
Requirement	Course	Cr
University Studies	UNIV 101	1
Written Communication	ENGL 110	3
Reasoning Skills-Critical Thinking		3
Reasoning Skills-Quantitative Reasoning		3
Humanities and Creative Arts		3
Transitional Studies		2
Total:		15

Year 1 Spring		
Requirement	Course	Cr
University Studies	UNIV 102	1
Information Literacy	ENGL 120	3
Communication Skills		3
Scientific Literacy-Social Science		3
Political Science Course	POLI 200	3
Ethics and Civic Engagement	ENEC 210	3
Total:		16

Year 2 Fall		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Scientific Literacy-Natural Science	ENEC 201 or ENEC 202	3
Global Literacy	POLI 230	3
Political Science Course	POLI 210	3
Political Science Course	POLI 220	3
Social Science Requirement		3
Total:		15

Year 2 Spring		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Scientific Literacy-Natural Science	ENEC 201 or ENEC 202	3
Scientific Literacy-Natural Science Lab	ENEC 201L or ENEC 202L	1
Major Elective	POLI 150	3
Major Elective	ENEC 400 or ENEC 420	3
Social Science Requirement		3
Minor or Elective		3
Total:		16

Year 3 Fall		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Political Science Course	POLI 301	3
Political Science Course	POLI 240	3
Political Science Course (Politics and Govt)	POLI 351 or POLI 430	3
Major Elective	POLI 321	3
Major Elective	ENEC 300 or ENEC 270	3
Total:		15

Year 3 Spring		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Major Elective	POLI 320	3
Political Science Course (Politics and Govt)	POLI 352 or POLI 431	3
Social Science Requirement		3
Social Science Requirement		3
Major Elective	HIPO 341 or HIPO 342	3
Total:		15

Year 4 Fall		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Political Science Course	POLI 460 or POLI 480	3
Minor or Free Elective		3
Minor or Free Elective		3
Minor or Free Elective		3
Minor or Free Elective		3
Total:		15

Year 4 Spring		
Requirement	Course	Cr
POLI Research/Seminar	POLI 481 or POLI 450	3
Minor or Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		1
Total:		13

Notes

* Indicates a course recommended by the program. Other courses listed under the requirement may be used.

The Foundations in American Democracy requirement can be met by taking a course from one of the following University Core Curriculum categories: Written Communication, Ethics and Civic Engagement, Social Science Literacy, and Humanities and Creative Arts. See Guide for the list of courses.

