

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Political Science</b>
<b>Course Plan to Complete a:</b>	<b>BA in Political Science</b>

[Political Science, B.A. \(Catalogue\)](#)

Year 1							
Fall				Spring			
Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits	Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits
POLS	021	American Political System	3	POLS	051	Intro International Relations	3
POLS	041	Intro to Political Theory	3	POLS	071	Comparative Political Systems	3
		TAP Seminar	3			Distribution	3-4
		Distribution	3-4			Distribution	3
		Distribution	3			Distribution	3
			15-16				15-16
Year 2							
Fall				Spring			
Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits	Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits
POLS	127	The Congressional Process	3	POLS	141	History of Political Thought	3
STAT	051	*Probability with Statistics	3	POLS	181	*Fundamentals of Social Research	3
		Distribution	4			D2 Diversity (Non-European Cultures Course)	3
		D1 Diversity	3			Distribution	3
		Elective	3			Elective	3
			15-16				15
Year 3							
Fall				Spring			
Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits	Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits
POLS	159	Int'l Environmental Governance	3	POLS	192	Internships	3
		Distribution/Sustainability	3			Minor	3
		Minor	3			Minor	3
		Minor	3			Elective	3
		Elective	3			Elective	3
			15				15
Year 4							
Fall				Spring			
Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits	Prefix	Course #	Course Name (catalogue)	Credits
POLS	137	Politics and the Media	3	POLS	230	VT Legislative Research Shop	3
		Minor	3			Minor	3
		Elective	3			Elective	3
		Elective	3			Elective	3
		Elective	3			Elective	3
			15				15

#### NOTES:

This course plan is illustrative only. It is one suggested route to completing a political science major, in this case with an emphasis on American politics.

Majors may emphasize coursework in international relations, comparative politics, or political theory.

All Political Science majors must complete POLS 021, POLS 041, POLS 051, and POLS 071 (these four courses can be taken in any order).

#### \*Additional Skill Set - completion of course work in one of the following five area:

1. Statistics and Methodology (STAT 051 or STAT 095 (Statistics and Social Justice) AND STAT 087 or STAT 111 or SOC 100/POLS 181 or one other STAT course numbered above 111.
2. Political Economy (EC 011 and EC 012).
3. Language - one additional language above distribution requirement; must be the same language.
4. Philosophy - PHIL 013 (Logic) plus any other PHIL course.
5. Geography - GEOG 081 (Geotechniques) and GEO 184 (Geography Info: Concepts and Applications)

#### Distribution Requirements: B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences require completion of 7 distribution categories:

*Fine Arts: one 3-credit course in a fine arts discipline*

*Foreign Language: two 3-credit courses in the same foreign language*

*Humanities: two 3-credit courses in a humanities discipline*

*Natural Sciences: two courses from specific departments; one course must include a lab*

*Literature: One 3-credit course in literature*

*Mathematical Sciences: One math course number 17 or higher, or Statistics 51 or higher, or Computer Science 008 or higher, or Philosophy 13, or Anthropology 113/Linguistics 163*

*Social Sciences: Two 3-credit courses in social science disciplines*

#### General Requirements:

*One Diversity Category 1 course – minimum 3 credits*

*One Diversity Category 2 course from list of D2 Non-European Cultures courses – minimum 3 credits*

*One Quantitative Reasoning course-minimum 3 credits*

*One Sustainability Category course - minimum 3 credits (POLS 130-SU: U.S. Environmental Politics is one option)*

*One Writing and Information Literacy course– minimum 3 credits*

>>A TAP course will satisfy UVM's Writing and Information Literacy requirement and might also count toward a distribution.

>>>Sustainability courses and Diversity courses might also count toward a distribution.

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