

BA, Political Science, Civic/Nonprofit Leadership Curriculum Guide, 2021-2022

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General Education (40 hours)		
Language (9 hrs. C or better)	Semester	Grade
ENG 1001G		
ENG 1002G		
CMN 1310G		
Humanities/F.A. (9 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
Humanities		
Fine Arts		
Humanities or Fine Arts		
Science (7 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
BIO Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Physical Sci. Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>		
Social/Beh. Sci. (9 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 1153G		
Non-PLS or PLS 2253G		
Non-PLS		
Math (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
MAT		
Senior Seminar (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
EIU 4 _____ G		
STA 4000G (1)+Study Abroad		

Political Science Major (39 hours)		
Required Courses (15 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 1153G/Am. Gov't. (or 1193G)		
PLS 2033/Research Methods		
PLS 2703/Intro. Public Policy		
PLS 4600/Capstone (75 hrs. and PLS 2033)		
And 1 of the following:		
PLS 1003/Intro. Politics		
PLS 2103/Intro. Political Theory		
PLS 2253G/Intro. International Relations (or 2293G)		
Civic/Nonprofit Courses (6 hrs., take 2)	Semester	Grade
PLS 4793/Civic Nonprofit Ldrs.		
PLS 4893/Budgeting Gov't./NPs		
PLS 4873/Hum. Res. Mgmt.		
Civic/Nonprofit Electives (12 hrs., see back page)	Semester	Grade
Elective 1		
Elective 2		
Elective 3		
Elective 4		
GIS Requirement (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
GEO 3810/Intro. GIS		
Applied Learning (3 hrs.)	Semester	Grade
PLS 2503/Legal Research (only 1 hr. counts towards requirement)		
PLS 2513/Moot Court (1hr.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLS 2611/Model IL Gov't. (1 hr.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLS 3970/Study Abroad		
PLS 4275/Internship		
PLS 4503/Independent Study		
PLS 4444/Honors Indep. Study		

Graduation Requirements		
EWP <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Diversity <input type="checkbox"/>	
2.00 major gpa <input type="checkbox"/>	2.00 cum. gpa <input type="checkbox"/>	
120 hours <input type="checkbox"/>	40 hrs. upper div. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Applied for graduation <input type="checkbox"/>		
Foreign Language		
Exempt if 2 years in HS w/ C avg. <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Semester	Grade
WL__ 1001 (4)		
WL__ 1002 (4)		

Notes, Substitutions, Minors, Waivers:

Civic & Nonprofit Leadership Electives

PLS 3603 State and Local Government
 PLS 3733 Interest Groups and Lobbying
 PLS 3723 Political Behavior
 PLS 3653 American Indian Politics
 PLS 3703 African American Politics
 PLS 3903 Women & Politics
 PLS 3713 Political Parties and Elections
 PLS 3863B Special Topics in Political Science
 PLS 3743 Congress
 PLS 3753 The American Presidency
 PLS 3773 Religion & Politics in the US
 PLS 4763 Environmental Politics & Policy
 PLS 4793 Civic and Nonprofit Leadership*
 PLS 4893 Budgeting in Government and Nonprofit Organizations*
 PLS 4873 Human Resource Management in Public and Nonprofit Organizations*

* Cannot count for both a required course and an elective.

PLS 4555/Honors Research, PLS 4644/Honors Thesis, and the 5000-level seminar count for Field Requirements and Electives, with admission into Departmental Honors, and with the academic advisor and department chair's approval.

Sample 4 Year Study Plan

Year 1, Fall (16 hrs.)	Year 1, Spring (14 hrs.)
PLS 1153G/Intro. AmGov PLS 2703/Intro. Policy ENG 1001G CMN 1310G WL__ 1001	PLS 2253G/Int. Internat. Rel. or PLS 2103/Int. Theory MAT 1160G, 1170G or 2250G ENG 1002G WL__ 1002 PLS 2513/Moot Court or PLS 2611/MIG*
Year 2, Fall (16 hrs.)	Year 2, Spring (15 hrs.)
PLS 2033/Research Methods Elective/Double Major/Minor BIO or PHY SCI General Education w/ Lab Humanities General Education Social/Behavioral Science Gen. Ed. (non PLS)	Civic & Nonprofit Elective #1 Fine Arts General Education BIO or PHY SCI General Education Elective/Double Major/Minor Elective/Double Major/Minor
Year 3, Fall (15 hrs.)	Year 3, Spring (15 hrs.)
Civic & Nonprofit Elective #2 Humanities or Fine Arts General Education GEO 3810 Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major	Civic & Nonprofit Elective #3 PLS Applied Learning Requirement* Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major
Year 4, Fall (15 hrs.)	Year 4, Spring (15 hrs.)
PLS 4600/Capstone PLS 4793 or PLS 4893 or PLS 4873 Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major	Civic & Nonprofit Elective #4 PLS 4793 or PLS 4893 Senior Seminar: EIU 4__G Elective/Minor/Double Major Elective/Minor/Double Major

Students with dual/transfer credits and/or high school foreign language competency have more room to take electives or pursue a double major or minor.

*There are many paths to completing the applied learning requirement—talk to your academic advisor.