

Political Science BA Major/Pre-Professional Secondary Education Minor Suggested Academic Plan

Use the Political Science Endorsement Requirements Checklist on the MSME Website for more information and guidance on course selection.

Year 1	Fall	Cr.	Spring	Cr.	Summer	Cr.
<i>Students must complete all Madison Foundations courses by end of first year.</i>	C1HC or C1CT	3	WRTC 103 (C1W)	3	*Take ALEKS/Praxis Core Math	
	Foreign Language 101	3	C1HC or C1CT	3	*Complete CPR/First Aid/AED	
	C2HQC (recom. HIST 101 or HIST 102)	3	Foreign Language 102	3		
	POSC 225 (C4AE)	4	C3QR	3		
	POSC 201	3	C3PP/C3NS	3		
			C3L	1		
	*Attend TE meeting in Nov/Dec.					
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	
Year 2	Fall	Cr.	Spring	Cr.	Summer	Cr.
	EDUC 200	3	Foreign Language 232 (BA Language)	3		
	Foreign Language 231	3	PSYC 160 (C5SD)	3		
	POSC 230	3	MSSE 101	1		
	C3PP/C3NS	3	POSC 240 or POSC 335 (spring only)	3		
	HIST 225	4	MSSE 210	3		
			C5WD	3		
			*Be admitted to TE by 3/1			
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	
Year 3	Fall	Cr.	Spring	Cr.	Summer	Cr.
<i>Enrollment in MSSE 370 and MSSE 371 requires admission to the Teacher Education Program and must be completed no later than fall of senior year.</i>	POSC 351 (Civic Engagement; Am. Gov.)	3	MSSE 370	3		
	ECON 200 (C4GE) or ECON 201	3	MSSE 371	1		
	POSC (Political Theory)	3	POSC Elective	3		
	HIST 333 (fall only)	3	POSC (International Relations)	3		
	HIST 303 or HIST 350 (US)	3	C2VPA	3		
			HIST 307 (Connected; Af. Am. Hist.)	3		
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	
Year 4	Fall	Cr.	Spring	Cr.	Summer - GRAD	Cr.
<i>MSSE 370, MSSE 371, and MSSE 210, must be completed before enrolling in MSSE 412, MSSE 415, and LED 440.</i>	MSSE 412	3	GEOG 200 (C4GE) or GEOG 280	3	EDUC 540 (spring/summer)	3
	MSSE 415	3	POSC Elective	3	EXED 512 (spring/summer)	3
	LED 440	3	C2L	3	MSSE 607 (summer/fall)	3
	POSC 457 (Comparative; fall-only)	3	POSC 492	4	MSSE 625 (spring/summer)	3
	POSC 295	4	Philosophy (BA req.)	3		
	*Attend Student Teaching meeting.		*Apply to graduate undergrad.		*Passing score on Praxis SA required by August 15.	
	*apply to The Graduate School		*Attempt Praxis SA by 3/1.			
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	12

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Year 5	Fall - GRAD	Cr.	Spring - GRAD	Cr.	Summer	Cr.
	MSSE 542 (fall only)	3	MSSE 650	3	<i>*Apply for Teaching License</i>	
	MSSE 547 (fall only)	3	MSSE 675 #1 (student teaching)	3		
	MSSE 620 (spring/fall)	3	MSSE 675 #2 (student teaching)	3		
	MSSE 630 (fall only)	3				
	<i>*Apply to graduate Graduate School</i>		<i>*graduate from Graduate School</i>			
	Total Credits	12	Total Credits	9	Total Credits	

Notes:

- The General Education area codes (C3PP, C2L, etc.) are used in this plan to minimize text. Please reference the General Education Planner found on the General Education website (www.jmu.edu/gened) for more information.
- Bolded classes should stay in the semester in which they are planned due to pre-requisites, co-requisites, or the term the course is offered. Talk with your Pre-professional Secondary Education minor advisor if you think you need or would like to take a bolded course in a different semester.

This document is provided as an advising resource only. Official curriculum requirements are listed in the JMU Undergraduate Catalog and the JMU Graduate Catalog. In the case of discrepancies, the University Catalog is the official curriculum students must follow. This document was reviewed by the Middle, Secondary, and Mathematics Education Academic Unit Head on June 1, 2024.