

Student Name: _____

The Pre-Law Concentration in the Political Science major provides students the opportunity to focus upon courses that have an emphasis on law and courts. The Concentration consists of 39 total credits in PSC. The Concentration does not require any more or less credits than a regular degree in Political Science.

Foundation Courses (15 credits)

Foundation courses should generally be taken in the first or second year

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> PSC 349 Political Science Research Methods* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSC 151 Introduction to Comparative Politics | *PSC 249 Intermediate Writing in Political Science is a pre-requisite for PSC 349 and fulfills the University Studies 1C requirement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSC 161 Introduction to International Relations | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSC 171 Introduction to Political Theory | |

Specialized Courses (21 credits)

Students must complete seven courses above the PSC 100-level, not including PSC 249, PSC 349 and/or PSC 305:

PSC _____	PSC _____	PSC _____	PSC _____
PSC _____	PSC _____	PSC _____	

- A maximum of two of these seven courses can be completed at PSC 200-level
- A minimum of two of these seven courses must be completed at PSC 400-level
- ▶ At least two of these upper levels must be taken in courses focused on the U.S. legal system. Examples include:

PSC 213 Law & Courts in Film	PSC 347 Environmental Law
PSC 322 Constitutional Law	PSC 400 Seminar: American Politics & Policy (Topic: <i>Judicial Process</i>)
PSC 323 Civil Liberties & Rights	

- ▶ At least two of these upper levels must be taken in courses that cover the courts in relationship to other aspects of the U.S. political system or that discuss law and the courts in other countries or the international political system. Examples include:

PSC 301 The Presidency	PSC 312 Massachusetts Politics
PSC 302 Legislative Process	PSC 331 Political Parties & Interest Groups
PSC 306 Civil Rights Movements in the U.S.	PSC 384 International Law & Organizations
PSC 311 State Politics	PSC 450 Seminar in Comparative Politics (Topic: <i>Comparative Legal Systems</i>)

Internship (3 credits required, up to 15 may be earned)

Recommended in senior year; may be waived in lieu of a study abroad of at least 4-weeks duration plus any upper-division course in PSC. The internship must be in a position related to law, legal policy, and/or courts.

- Δ PSC 305 Political Science Internship

Advising Notes:

Name

ID

University & College Studies Tracking Sheet

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) B.A. Degree

Note that these requirements apply to new students entering UMassD Fall of 2024 or later.

University Studies Requirements

Choose one course each from approved list at:

<http://www.umassd.edu/generaleducation/universitystudies/approvedcourses/>

Cluster 1 - Foundations for Engagement

	Courses
1A – Critical Writing and Reading I	ENL 101 <input type="checkbox"/>
1B – Critical Writing and Reading II	ENL 102 <input type="checkbox"/>
1C – Intermediate Writing	_____
1D – Mathematics	_____
1E – Foundation for Learning Through Engagement	_____

Cluster 2 – The Natural World

2A – Science of the Natural World	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>
2B – Science in the Engaged Community	_____

Cluster 3 – The Cultural World

3A – Literature	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>
3B – Visual and Performing Arts	_____

Cluster 4 – The Social World

4A – Human Questions and Contexts	_____
4B – The Nature of U.S. Society	_____
4C – The Nature of Global Society	_____

Cluster 5 – The Educated and Engaged Citizen

5A – Capstone Study	_____
5B – Learning Through Engagement	_____

Graduation Checklist:

- 120 Total Credits (40 courses)
- 25% or more of degree credits taken at UMD
- 30 credits in 300+ level courses (w/ 21 @ UMD)
- University Studies requirements met
- College Studies (CAS B.A.) requirements met
- Major requirements met
- GPA 2.00+ overall and minimum major GPA
- No College Studies, University Studies, or major courses taken as pass/fail

Notes:

- Many University Studies courses can be counted for both University Studies and College Studies requirements.
- Some University Studies courses designated “flexible” and can be used to satisfy only one of the several requirements; other courses are “compound” and can satisfy more than one University Studies requirement simultaneously.
- *Interdisciplinary courses (BLS, REL, SUS, WGS) for College Studies should follow the designation of their cross-listing. If they are not cross-listed, BLS, WGS, SUS are Social Science courses. REL is a Humanities. URB and HLT can be used for either, but not both, Social Sciences or Humanities.
- **FLL, POR, WGS, BLS courses that are cross-listed with ENL literature, count as a literature.

College Studies (CAS - B.A.) Requirements

Note: Courses taken for the major cannot be used to fulfill CAS requirements.

CAS/HON/UNV 101

(All CAS majors must pass one of these or obtain a waiver.) _____

Literature (3 Credits in ENL, BLS**, FLL**, POR**, WGS** literature courses. Writing and language courses do not count.) _____

Natural Science (6 Credits in BIO, CHM, MLS, PHY, or NUR) _____ _____

Social Science (9 credits with max 2 courses in same area: AGH*, BLS*, CJS, ECO, HLT*, PAD, POL PSC, PSY, SOA, SUS, URB*, WGS*) _____ _____ _____

Foreign Language (Must complete up to 102 level or equivalent) _____ _____

Humanities (9 credits with max 2 courses in same area: BLS*, ARH, FLL[not lit or language], HLT*, HST, MUS [not applied courses], PHL, POR*[not lit or language], REL*, SUS*, URB* or WGS*) _____ _____ _____

* - Some courses in these areas may be social sciences courses or humanities courses. Please see your advisor or the course descriptions for more information.