

Major in Political Science Program Planning Form

Name: _____ UNI: _____

School: CC GS

Two of the following introductory courses must be taken.

Please list under “Primary Subfield,” “Secondary Subfield,” or “Political Science Electives.” Check two:

- ☐ POLS UN2201 Introduction to American Politics ☐ POLS UN2601 International Politics
- ☐ POLS UN2501 Introduction to Comparative Politics ☐ POLS UN2101 Political Theory I

Beginning in the Fall 2025 semester, Columbia College and School of General Studies students completing majors or minors in Political Science must complete their required introductory courses at the Columbia Department of Political Science, and not at Barnard. Introductory courses completed at Barnard or Columbia before the Fall 2025 semester may be offered to fulfill the introductory course requirement.

Course # (e.g., POLS UN1201)	Title (e.g., Intro to American Politics)	Grade	Semester (e.g., Fall 2021)	Approval (if required)*
PRIMARY SUBFIELD (minimum 3 courses)				
<i>Circle one:</i> American Politics Comparative Politics International Relations Political Theory				
Course 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Course 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Course 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
SECONDARY SUBFIELD (minimum 2 courses)				
<i>Circle one:</i> American Politics Comparative Politics International Relations Political Theory				
Course 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Course 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
SEMINARS (minimum 2 seminars)				
<i>may be fulfilled by: POLS UN3911, UN3921, UN3951, or UN3961</i>				
Seminar 1 (primary subfield)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Seminar 2 (any subfield)	_____	_____	_____	_____
RESEARCH METHODS (minimum 1 course) <i>may be fulfilled by: POLS UN3220, UN3704, UN3706, UN3707, UN3720, UN3768, GU4710, GU4712, GU4720, GU4722, GU4724, GU4726, GU4762, GU4764, or GU4792</i>				
Course 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (minimum 1 course)				
Course 1	_____	_____	_____	_____

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- The major in political science requires a minimum of nine courses in political science.
- Barnard College courses may fulfill Columbia major requirements; however, BC courses do not follow the Columbia numbering system and cannot be used to determine the subfield within which a course falls. Also, BC colloquia do not count as seminars toward the Columbia political science major.
- No more than two courses may double-count for two separate majors/concentrations or programs.
- A maximum of three courses in political science may be transferred from other institutions, including no more than one AP course. Transfer credits must be approved by the undergraduate adviser or the Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS).
- Students must receive a grade of at least C- in order for a course to count towards the major.
- A grade of “Pass” is acceptable for only the FIRST course taken for the major.