

# Baruch COLLEGE

## BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

**42** Pathways Credits

**9** Pre-Weissman Credits

**24** Major Credits

**45** Elective Credits

The degree map is a suggested term-by-term sample course schedule. Use the Degree Map along with DegreeWorks as tools to assist you in planning your academic path to graduation. You should customize your Degree Map to fit your individual needs.

Career related information can be found on the last page.

NOTE: A minimum 120 credits is required for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. **A minimum of 90 liberal arts credits is required for the BA.** FYS 1000 is a requirement for the first term at Baruch College and **MUST** be completed in order to graduate.

### FALL

### SPRING

FIRST YEAR

|  |      |
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| <b>ENG 2100</b><br>Writing I<br>ENGLISH COMPOSITION I  | 3 CR |
| <b>MTH 2140 or MTH 2160</b><br>Math and Quantitative Reasoning or<br>Ideas in Math and Applications<br>MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING | 3 CR |
| <b>Flexible Core Course</b><br>PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT  | 3 CR |
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| <b>FYS 1000</b><br>First Year Seminar<br>DEGREE REQUIREMENT  | 0 CR |

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| <b>ENG 2150</b><br>Writing II<br>ENGLISH COMPOSITION II                                   | 3 CR |
| <b>Foreign Language I</b><br>1st Semester of Foreign Language<br>PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT | 3 CR |
| <b>COM 1010</b><br>Speech Communication<br>PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT                       | 3 CR |
| <b>POL 1101</b><br>American Government<br>PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT                            | 3 CR |
| <b>Flexible Core Course</b><br>PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT                                       | 3 CR |

15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 30 CREDITS

### FALL

### SPRING

SOPHOMORE

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| <b>Major Elective</b><br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT   | 3 CR |
| <b>Foreign Language II</b><br>2nd Semester of Foreign Language<br>PRE-WEISSMAN REQUIREMENT | 3 CR |
| <b>Liberal Arts Elective</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                                       | 3 CR |
| <b>Life and Physical Sciences</b><br>Natural Sciences Lab Course<br>PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT   | 3 CR |
| <b>Scientific World</b><br>Natural Sciences Lecture Course<br>PATHWAYS REQUIREMENT         | 3 CR |

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| <b>Major Elective</b><br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT           | 3 CR |
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| <b>Free Elective*</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT        | 3 CR |
| <b>Liberal Arts Elective</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT | 3 CR |
| <b>Liberal Arts Elective</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT | 3 CR |

30 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 60 CREDITS

\*Free Electives can be any business, liberal arts, or public affairs course

| FALL          |  | SPRING |   |
|---------------|--|--------|---|
| <b>JUNIOR</b> | <b>Liberal Art Minor Course</b><br>PATHWAYS COLLEGE OPTION REQUIREMENT | 3 CR   | <b>ENG 2800, CMP 2800,<br/>ENG 2850, or CMP 2850</b> 3 CR                       |
|               | <b>Major Elective</b><br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT                             | 3 CR   | Great Works of Literature I or II<br>PATHWAYS COLLEGE OPTION REQUIREMENT        |
|               | <b>Liberal Arts Elective</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                   | 3 CR   | <b>Free Elective*</b> 3 CR<br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                              |
|               | <b>Free Elective*</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                          | 3 CR   | <b>Major Elective</b> 3 CR<br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT                                 |
|               | <b>Free Elective*</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                          | 3 CR   | <b>Liberal Art Minor Course</b> 3 CR<br>PATHWAYS COLLEGE OPTION REQUIREMENT     |
|               |  |        | <b>POL 4900</b> 3 CR<br>Political Science Capstone Seminar<br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT |

60 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 90 CREDITS

| FALL          |  | SPRING |  |
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| <b>SENIOR</b> | <b>Major Elective</b><br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT                               | 3 CR   | <b>Major Elective</b> 3 CR<br>MAJOR REQUIREMENT    |
|               | <b>Liberal Arts Elective</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                     | 3 CR   | <b>Free Elective*</b> 3 CR<br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT |
|               | <b>Liberal Art Minor Capstone</b><br>PATHWAYS COLLEGE OPTION REQUIREMENT | 3 CR   | <b>Free Elective*</b> 3 CR<br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT |
|               | <b>Free Elective*</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                            | 3 CR   | <b>Free Elective*</b> 3 CR<br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT |
|               | <b>Free Elective*</b><br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT                            | 3 CR   | <b>Free Elective*</b> 3 CR<br>ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT |

90 PRIOR CREDITS + 15 FALL CREDITS + 15 SPRING CREDITS = 120 CREDITS

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# THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF

## General Notes

- o **Be sure to consult with your faculty advisor regarding specific major requirements. Major courses must be approved by the faculty advisor.**
- o You must complete a liberal arts minor as part of the College Option requirement to graduate. Since you are majoring in Political Science, you cannot minor in Political Science.

The following subjects are considered liberal arts and can be taken at any level to satisfy liberal arts electives:

|     |     |     |     |     |                      |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|
| AAS | ANT | ART | BIO | BLS | CHM                  | COM |
| CMP | ECO | ENG | ENV | FLM | FPA                  | GLS |
| HED | HIS | HSP | IDC | JRN | LACS                 | LIB |
| LTS | MSC | MTH | NMA | PHI | PHY                  | POL |
| PSY | REL | SOC | THE | WSM | ALL MODERN LANGUAGES |     |

The following courses are **not** considered liberal arts:

|          |          |          |                                     |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ART 5010 | ART 5011 | COM 4059 | ECO 5010                            | ECO 5011 | FPA 5070 | FPA 5071 | HED 1810 |
| HED 2920 | MSC 2061 | MSC 2062 | MSC 2063                            | MSC 2064 | MSC 5050 | MSC 5051 | SOC 4085 |
| SOC 4086 | THE 3046 | THE 3056 | ART/MSC/THE Studio Elective Courses |          |          |          |          |

## Notes about the Major

- The Political Science major is unusually flexible. Students are required to take American Government ([POL 1101](#)), a capstone seminar ([POL 4900](#)), plus seven other political science courses, representing at least four of the six subfields:

American Government and Political Institutions  
International Politics  
Public Policy

Comparative Politics  
Political Theory and Methodology  
Urban Politics

- At least two electives must be at the 3000-level.
- *Important Advisory Regarding Capstones:* Students must complete at least two 3000-level courses in Political Science BEFORE they are eligible to register for the capstone ([POL 4900](#)). Political Science does NOT offer any capstone courses in summer or winter sessions.

## Career Exploration

Political science focuses on the understanding of multifaceted ideas, institutions, and processes of politics. Careers in this field require the ability to critically and creatively analyze and evaluate diverse issues, situations, or problems. Employment opportunities include careers in government, nonprofits, international organizations, political campaigns, education, media, military and the legal fields.

### 5 Career Options for Political Science Majors

1. City Planner
2. Policy Analyst
3. College Professor
4. Elected Official
5. Management Consultants

### 5 Top Skills for Political Science Majors

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communications
3. Adaptability
4. Research
5. Organization & Planning

[Additional Career Information for Political Science Majors](#)

