

Eight Semester Plan BA Political Science

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
SRH 101: Search Seminar or HNR 160: Honors Search	3	POS 101: Introduction to Political Science OR	3
POS 101: Introduction to Political Science OR	3	POS 111: American Democratic Government	
POS 111: American Democratic Government		THE 105 or PHI 105	3
THE 105 or PHI 105	3	Gen Ed	3
Gen Ed	3	Gen Ed	3
Gen Ed	<u>3</u>	Gen Ed	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
POS 212: Comparative Politics OR POS 225: Contemporary World Affairs	3	POS 212: Comparative Politics OR POS 225: Contemporary World Affairs	3
Gen Ed	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed	3	Gen Ed	3
Gen Ed	<u>3</u>	Gen Ed	3
TOTAL	15	ELECTIVE/2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	<u>3</u>
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		TOTAL	18
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
POS ELECTIVE	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed	3	POS ELECTIVE	3
Gen Ed	3	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	<u>3</u>	TOTAL	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
POS 424: History of Political Thought	3	POS 425: Research Seminar	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	3
ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	<u>3</u>	ELECTIVE /2 nd MAJOR/MINOR	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Complete 5 hours of Community Service		Complete 5 hours of Community Service	

The 8-semester plan may not be accurate for declared second majors, depending upon the semester you declare. Completion of such additional major(s) could increase time to degree completion. If you declare a minor, you must work with your advisor to determine when the necessary classes are offered since you may not add additional time to degree completion beyond the completion of your major courses to complete the minor.

Alvernia Policy [15.4460 Graduation Policy](#) and the current [Alvernia Course Catalog](#) detail graduation requirements, honors at graduation, and eligibility to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. *Those policies include information such as the following:*

- *Alvernia's Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the Course Catalog specify that 12 credits in the major and 9 credits in the minor must be completed at Alvernia University*
- *When pursuing a double major, you must have 12 distinct credits between the two majors*
- *A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony.*

- *The Graduation Application is available online in myAlvernia on the 'Academics' tab. Seniors must submit the Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office as follows: October 1 for May Graduation; December 1 for August graduation; and March 1 for December graduation.*

If you have any questions regarding graduation requirements, please call the Registrar's Office (610.796.820)

Program Notes

- POS majors are encouraged to take a double major or one or two minors.
- POS majors commonly do an internship for one semester or during the summer in their junior or senior year.
- POS majors who are part of the Honors Program fulfill at least 3 of the core or major requirements with Honors courses; they also must take 6 credits worth of thesis.
- POS majors may study abroad.

