

Program Planning Guide

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science

YOUR COURSE PLANNING: This worksheet has been created as a guide for admitted students. Note, your course planning may look different than another student; this worksheet has been designed for students wishing to complete their program within a four-year timeline. Students may elect to take part-time studies or a reduced course load. Refer to the [Undergraduate Academic Regulations](#) within the Undergraduate Calendar for more information.

For requirements that have a “pick list” (i.e. *choose one of*) please visit the Undergraduate Calendar to see a detailed list. The list or requirements may change, so please ensure you follow the appropriate requirements (the 2025-2026 Undergraduate Calendar). After July 1, 2025, you can find the calendar in a [PDF format](#).

100/200 Level Requirements			
Requirements	Credit Hours	Course Selected	Done
POLS 100	3		
INTS 100	3		
POLS 200	3		
POLS 202	3		
POLS 230	3		
POLS 270	3		
300/400 Level Requirements			
POLS 303	3		
POLS 320	3		
POLS 370	3		
POLS (300 or 400 level)	3		
	3		
INTS (300 or 400 level)	3		
	3		
	3		
POLS 400 level	3		
	3		
	3		
Academic Breadth Requirement			
Natural Science	3		
Physical Science	3		
Arts & Humanities	3		

Electives			
Requirements	Credit Hours	Course Selected	Done
Electives (at any level)	3		
	3		
	3		
UNIV 103 (recommended)	3		
	3		
	3		
INTS 210 (recommended for prerequisite purposes)	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
	3		
Total Credit Hours		120	

ACADEMIC BREADTH REQUIREMENT: As a part of this program, students will have satisfied their Social Sciences breadth requirement (with the required POLS courses). As such, please take a three credit course in each of the following areas: Natural Sciences, Physical Science, and Arts & Humanities to meet this requirement. Check out www.unbc.ca/advising for more Academic Breadth requirement information.

UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR: It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of all University of Northern British Columbia [Undergraduate Calendar](#) regulations. Academic regulations, program information, course information, and pre-requisites can be found in this document.

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Sample Sequencing Plan

First Year	
Fall	Winter
POLS 100	POLS 100 if not already complete, then Elective
INTS 100	Elective (for academic breadth)
UNIV 103	Elective (for academic breadth)
Elective (for academic breadth)	Elective
Elective	Elective

This is a guide only; coursework will vary each year according to the semester that certain courses are offered. It will be important to check in with your Student Advisor with regard to course progression.

Advisor Notes

COURSE PLANNING: For your first year of study, the recommended courses are listed above. After that, students should utilize their Academic Calendar along with their [Degree Evaluation](#), a tool that interprets the Undergraduate Calendar for the year that you were admitted and helps display the requirements needed for your program. You can also always connect with your Student Advisor for help with course planning. Students should consult the Undergraduate Calendar for course descriptions and pre/co-requisites, www.unbc.ca/calendar.

ELECTIVES: Your first year is structured to have lots of opportunity to explore with electives! We encourage students to take a wide variety of courses they are interested in. A minor is a great way to concentrate your electives. Talk with your Student Advisor for suggestions!

UNIV 103: It is highly recommended for students in first year to take UNIV 103 – Introduction to Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities as an elective in first year. This course provides an introduction to academic inquiry, focusing on the development of critical thinking, reading and university writing including foundational study skills and learning strategies. This course also introduces university services and resources available to support student success.

TIME LIMIT: Except by permission of the Dean, students must complete their undergraduate degree program within 15 years of their first semester of registration.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC coursework to receive a UNBC degree.

TRANSFER & RETURNING STUDENTS: Please consult with your Student Advisor to determine how your previous work may best be applied to the program requirements. When registering for coursework pay close attention to the course preclusions to ensure you are not registering in duplicate coursework.

DOUBLE MAJORS: Students who are considering a double major should speak with their Student Advisor as soon as possible.

MINORS: To see available minors, please refer to the [Declaration of Minor form](#) or look in the Program pages of the [Undergraduate Calendar](#). Minors are a structured way to use your electives while also completing a secondary concentration.

ONLINE RESOURCES: Be sure to check out www.unbc.ca/advising for videos and resources on a variety of helpful topics such as registration 101, Academic Difficulties, Resources and Supports on campus and more!

STUDENT ADVISING: Is available by phone, zoom, email, or in person. To book an appointment, or to see when drop-ins are scheduled, please visit: www.unbc.ca/advising or contact fisssh.advising@unbc.ca

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