

PLS Public Policy Checklist

Fall 2025/Spring 2026 Academic Year



Name: _____ PID: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: B.A. Public Policy Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- University requirements can vary depending on incoming transfer credits and placement exam scores.
- TOTAL REQUIRED: **120** Credits
- Max: **20** repeat credits | Min: **2.0** GPA | Transfer: Only **10** of last 30 credits | Min: **30** credits taken at MSU.
- WRA fulfills Tier I Writing Requirement, consult the [RO](#) combinations for MTH requirements.
- 2 of 3 diversity designations must be met by the student in IAH and ISS courses (I, N, and D).

WRA: _____ MTH#1: _____ MTH#2: _____

ISB 200-level: _____ ISP 200-level: _____ ISB/ISP Lab: _____

ISS 200-level: _____ ISS 300-level: _____

IAH 201-210: _____ IAH 211+: _____

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- Complete an experiential learning course approved by the CSS. Min: **2.0** GPA | Min: **3** credits | Max: **6** credits
- PLS majors should strongly consider the department's various [internship](#) and [study away / study abroad](#) programs in satisfaction of the experiential learning requirement.
- Complete a minimum of **30** credits in courses numbered at the 300-level and above. CSS courses, including PLS, may be used to satisfy this requirement.
- Complete a [breadth requirement](#) approved by the CSS. Many approved minors are **15** credits.
- No more than 2 courses may be used to satisfy both primary major and minor requirements.

Experiential Learning: _____ 30 credits at the 300-level or above: _____

Minor

Requirement #1:	_____	3 credits
Requirement #2:	_____	3 credits
Requirement #3:	_____	3 credits
Requirement #4:	_____	3 credits
Requirement #5:	_____	3 credits

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Public Policy majors are required to complete **33** credits of PLS coursework (Min: **2.0** GPA).
- Course marked with a “W” fulfill the University’s Tier II writing requirement.

REQUIRED:

___ PLS 100 (3 credits)

___ PLS 200 (3 credits)

___ PLS 494 (3 credits)

200-Level Methods:

Pick **one** course (3 credits)

___ PLS 201

___ PLS 202

300-Level Policy Topics:

Pick **one** course (3 credits)

___ PLS 310

___ PLS 313

300-Level Special Topics:

Pick **one** course (3 credits)

___ PLS 392

___ PLS 397

400-Level Writing:

Pick **one** course (3 credits)

___ PLS 422(W)

___ PLS 481(W)

300 Level Selectives:

Pick **four** additional courses (12 credits)

___ PLS 301

___ PLS 302

___ PLS 310

___ PLS 313

___ PLS 324

___ PLS 325

___ PLS 342

___ PLS 363

___ PLS 364

- This checklist is intended for supplemental use **ONLY**. It is not an official MSU transcript.
- Consult a PLS academic advisor **ONCE** per semester.
- It is the student’s ultimate responsibility to monitor academic progress towards degree completion.

Notes: _____

