

PLS General Checklist

Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Academic Year



Name: _____ PID: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Major: B.A. Political Science-General 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 an [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

- General 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 200 (3 credits)

100-Level Intros:

Pick **Two** Courses (6 credits)

PLS 100 PLS 140

PLS 160 PLS 170

200-Level Methods:

Pick **One** Course (3 credits)

PLS 201 PLS 202

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 Electives:

Pick **Five** Courses AND Satisfy **Three** of Four Subfields (15 credits)

Course #1:

Subfields:

Course #2:

American Politics (A): PLS 100, 301-334

Course #3:

Political Philosophy (P): PLS 170, 371-377

Course #4:

Comparative Politics (C): PLS 140, 342-358

Course #5:

International Politics (I): PLS 160, 363-364

- 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:



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