

# Public Policy Checklist

Fall 2024/Spring 2025 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 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

- 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 Electives:

Pick **Four** Courses (12 credits)

**Course#1:**

3 credits

#### Subfields:

**Course#2:**

3 credits

American Politics (A): PLS 301, 302, 310, 313, 324, 325

Comparative Politics (C): PLS 342

**Course#3:**

3 credits

International Politics (I): PLS 363, 364

**Course #4:**

3 credits

- 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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