

Major: Political Science

Suggested Four-Year Major Plan (Academic Year 2016-2017)

The Suggested Four-Year Major Plan is a guide to help Caldwell University students complete their graduation requirements within four years. It is a suggested framework which builds upon the core curriculum as well as the required and elective courses within a student’s major. This suggested plan does not include developmental courses. Should developmental courses be required, students will need to work with their Academic Advisor to include those additional courses; this may delay graduation in four years. Students should always meet with their Academic Advisor to further individualize their academic plans and confirm the availability of courses and course sequencing. The following credits below include the minimum required courses and credits needed to graduate. Students enrolled as full-time status may take 12-18 credits a semester.

NOTE: This suggested Four-Year Major Plan applies to students who matriculated during the 2016-2017 academic year.

First Year					
Fall Semester	CR	✓	Spring Semester	CR	✓
Core: FS 189 - Freshman Seminar (Freshmen only)	1		Political Science Major Elective	3	
Core: EN 111 – College Writing* (or EN 320 by placement)	3		Core: Social Science	3	
Core: MA 112 - Concepts of Mathematics (or college-level math by placement)	3		Core: CO 230 - Communication Skills (or DR 102, 103, 104)	3	
Core: HI 101 – Roots of the West or HI 102 – The Shaping of the West	3		Core: CS 115 - Essential Computer Skills (or elective/core)	3	
Core: Modern Language Core - SP/FR/AS/IT	3		Core: TH 102 - Intro. to Catholic Theology	3	
Core: Social Science - PO 125:Understanding the Political World	3				
Total:	16		Total:	15	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	CR	✓	Spring Semester	CR	✓
Political Science Major Elective	3		Political Science Major Elective	3	
PO 225 – American Government	3		PO 362 – International Relations or PO 364 – Comparative Government	3	
Core: PH 102 - Intro. to Philosophy	3		Core: Literature - EN xxx	3	
Enriched Core Cluster - (Ethical Inquiry /Global Awareness/Catholic & Dominican)	3		Enriched Core Cluster - (Ethical Inquiry /Global Awareness/Catholic & Dominican)	3	
Core: Biological or Physical Science	3		Core: Fine Arts – Art or Music	3	
Total:	15		Total:	15	

Third Year					
Fall Semester	CR	✓	Spring Semester	CR	✓
Political Science Major Elective	3		Political Science Major Elective	3	
Enriched Core Cluster - (Ethical Inquiry /Global Awareness/Catholic & Dominican)	3		PO 372 – Public Administration or PO 375 – Public Policy	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Total:	15		Total:	15	

Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	CR	✓	Spring Semester	CR	✓
HI/PO Senior Seminar**	3		PO 453 – Political Theory	3	
HI/PO 492 - Research Seminar**	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Total:	15		Total:	15	

*A second writing intensive (WI) course is required. Students are recommended to complete it before the end of their fourth semester. Students who transfer to Caldwell with a minimum of 30 credits will have their second WI course waived.

**HI/PO Senior Seminar and HI/PO 492-Research Seminar must be taken concurrently and may be taken during the fall or spring semester of the student’s senior year.

Total Credits Required (minimum): 120 credits

GPA: 2.0

Minimum Grade in Major Courses: C