

B.A. in Political Science & Master in Public Policy (M.P.P.)

3+1 Program

Academic Planning Worksheet 2024-2025

Simmons University

Office of Undergraduate Advising

Notes

- Simmons requires that all undergraduates complete a minimum of 128 credits of coursework, fulfill PLAN and major/program requirements, and submit a Senior Audit form to graduate.
- All Students are required to complete a capstone before graduating. Consult with your advisor on how best to fill this requirement.
- You may declare a major in the beginning of the first year fall semester. You must declare a major prior to earning 80 credits.
- Students need to complete 12 “extra credits” to graduate within the 3-year time period. Those credits can be completed through summer courses and/or AP/IB credit. Students should talk to the 3+1 public policy advisor about where they stand with credits during their first year.
- All students must complete the Political Science major and Public Policy minor as undergraduates in the 3+1 POLI SCI/MPP track. However, there is some flexibility in what a student can choose for their electives in both the major and the minor. Suggested courses to take if/when offered for the major/minor are below. Please note some of these courses have prerequisites in their respective departments. Check the specific major and minor advising sheets for more information:
 - BSW 200 Social Welfare Policy
 - BUS 220 Introduction to Health Systems
 - ECON 241 Business Competition and Antitrust Policy
 - ECON 255 Political Economy of Education
 - PH 345 Health Systems and Policy
 - POLS 211 Politics of Cities
 - POLS 213 Politics in the Republic: Congress and the Presidency
 - POLS 214 Constitutional Law: The Modern Court
 - POLS 215 The Politics of Exclusion
 - POLS 216 American Judiciary & Legal Issues
 - POLS 218 Parties and Elections
 - POLS 219 Gender and Politics
 - POLS 227LC Food Policy
 - POLS 228LC The War on Drugs
 - POLS 229 Comparative Foreign Policy (IL)
 - POLS 232 Theories of Justice
 - POLS 233 Feminism and Capitalism (IL)
 - POLS 235 Transgender Politics & Freedom
 - POLS 249 US Foreign Policy: 1945-Pres.
 - POLS 317 Intersectionality and Public Policy
- A student who has received a 4 or 5 on AP exams in American Government and/or Comparative Politics has fulfilled the introductory course requirement for POLS 101 and/or POLS 104. Transferred AP credits on either, or both, exam(s) may be counted toward a Political Science major.
- Semester-specific PLAN requirements are incorporated by year. See below for a complete outline of all PLAN requirements.
- *Indicates a required course in the MPP Program.

Course Requirements by Year

Year One

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
Fall			
WRI 101	Writing Boston	4	
SIM 100	Simmons Course: Explore	2	
POLS 101	Intro to American Politics	4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
Spring			
POLS 217	American Public Policy	4	
ECON 100	Principles of Microeconomics	4	
UG POLS Course		4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
Summer			
KCA/KSA/UG course or AP/IB credits		4	

Year Two

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
Fall			
POLS 102	Intro to International Relations	4	
POLS 103	Introduction to Political Theory (fall)	4	
ECON 101	Principles of Macroeconomics	4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
Spring			
SIM 200	Simmons Course: Extend	1	
STAT 118	Introductory Statistics	4	
POLS 104	Intro to Comparative Politics	4	
UG POLS Course		4	
ECON 236 OR ECON 247	Public Economics OR Environmental Economics	4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
Summer			
KCA/KSA/UG course or AP/IB credits		4	

Year Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
Fall			
POLS 212	Politics Unplugged	4	
POLS Major Capstone Requirement	Senior Seminar/ Capstone/Thesis	4	
KCA/KSA/UG course		4	
UG POLS course		4	
UG POLS course		4	
Spring			
ECON 236 OR ECON 247	Public Economics OR Environmental Economics	4	
*POLS 370	Internship UG, BLEE	8	
UG course		4	
UG POLS Course		4	
Summer			
UG course or AP/IB credits		4	

Year Four

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Completed
Fall			
*MPP 501	Policy Analysis & Process	3	
*MPP 504	Quantitative Analysis	3	
MPP Elective		3	
MPP Elective		3	
MPP Elective		3	
Spring			
*MPP 502	Social Policy	3	
*MPP 503	Economic Policy	3	
MPP Elective		3	
MPP Elective		3	
*MPP 505	Capstone	3	

PLAN Requirements

The Simmons PLAN is the undergraduate general education program. Some PLAN courses may be fulfilled with required major courses. Additional PLAN requirements may be fulfilled through electives, courses in minors, or other course offerings. Work closely with advisor(s) to choose courses.

Notes:

- [KCA, KSA, Honorific Courses - Master List](#) (beginning Fall 2024)
- A course can satisfy only **one** KCA **or** KSA: Students cannot count one course for two different PLAN requirements.
- Students are allowed to take each of the three required KCAs in their major, if they wish.
- At least two KSAs must be taken outside of the major.
- Any given course will satisfy only the specific KCA or KSA designation it holds at the time it is taken by the student.

General Education PLAN Requirements	Year	Completed
Math: 1) Prior to first year, pass Math Placement Exam or 2) In first year, enroll in MATH 101 (4 credits)	Summer/ Year One	
WRI 101: Writing Boston (4 credits)	Year One	
SIM 100: Simmons Course: Explore (2 credits)		
SIM 200: Simmons Course: Extend (2 credits)	Year Two or Three	

PLAN Key Content Area Courses (KCA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)		
Global Historical (GH)	POLS 101	
Scientific Inquiry (SCI)		

PLAN Key Skills Area Courses (KSA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice (DEIJ)		
Integrative Learning (IL)		
Leadership (LDR)		
Quantitative Literacy (QL)	STAT 118 or higher	
Writing-Intensive (WRI)		