

B.A. in Political Science 2023-2024: Option 1 - CWILT

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
GES 130 Christianity Western Culture	4	GES 160 Inquiry Seminar	3	BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible	3
GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing	2			GES 125 Introduction to the Creative Arts	4
POS 100 American Politics and Government	3			Second Language (S) course *1	4
Mathematics (M) course	3			Elective	3
	12		3		14
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Elective	3	Elective	3	POS 211 The Political Quest	3
Political Science elective	3			International Relations course	3
Laboratory Science (D) course	4			THE 201 Christian Theology	3
Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course	3			Artistic Experience (A) course	0-3
	13		3	Electives	6
					15
THIRD YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Political Philosophy course	3-4	Science, Technology, and Society (K) course	3	Comparative Politics course	3
Political Science elective	3			Comparative Systems (G) course	3
World Cultures (U) course	3			Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course	3
Cross-Cultural Experience (Z) course	0-3			Electives	7
Elective	4				
	13-17		3		16
FOURTH YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
POS 491 Senior Seminar	4	Interim Off		Political Science electives	6
Political Science elective	3			Electives	9
Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3				
Electives	7				
	17		0		15
Total Credits 124-128					
*1. Students must complete through the second semester of a first year language course or equivalent (Check the catalog for details of this option.)					
If a student chooses to use major requirements to count as General Education requirements as well, the number of elective hours will be increased accordingly.					
Most financial aid packages stipulate 12 credits/term; Minnesota state grants are reduced when credit load falls below 15 credits/semester. January Session credits are counted as part of Spring Term.					

B.A. in Political Science 2023-2024: Option 2 - Humanities

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible	3	GES 147 Humanities II: Renaissance and Reformation	4	GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing	2
GES 145 Humanities I: Greco-Roman through Middle Ages	4			GES 244 Humanities III: European Enlightenment and American Culture to 1877	4
POS 100 American Politics and Government	3			Second Language (S) course *1	4
Mathematics (M) course	3			Elective	3
	13		4		13
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Elective	3	Elective	3	POS 211 The Political Quest	3
Political Science elective	3			International Relations course	3
GES 246 Humanities IV: Modern and Contemporary Western Culture	4			Artistic Experience (A) course	0-3
Laboratory Science (D) course	4			World Cultures (U) course	3
				Elective	3
	14		3		12-15
Third Year					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Political Philosophy course	3-4	Science, Technology, and Society (K) course	3	Comparative Politics course	3
Political Science elective	3			Comparative Systems (G) course	3
Cross-Cultural Experience (Z) course	0-3			Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course	3
Electives	7			Electives	7
	13-17		3		16
FOURTH YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
POS 491 Senior Seminar	4	Interim Off		Political Science electives	6
Political Science elective	3			Electives	9
Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3				
Electives	7				
	17		0		15
Total Credits 123-130					
*1. Students must complete through the second semester of a first year language course or equivalent (Check the catalog for details of this option.)					
If a student chooses to use major requirements to count as General Education requirements as well, the number of elective hours will be increased accordingly.					
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B.A. in Political Science 2023-2024: Sample plan entering with AA Degree

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
GES 130 Christianity Western Culture	4			POS 211 The Political Quest [1]	3
International Relations course	3			Comparative Politics course	3
POS 100 American Politics and Government	3			Political Philosophy course	3-4
Comparative Politics course	3			Elective	3
BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible *1 [2]	3			Political Science elective	3
	16				15-16
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Political Science elective	3	Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3	POS 491 Senior Seminar [3]	4
Political Science elective	3			Political Science elective	3
Political Science elective	3			Political Science elective	3
Elective	3			Elective	3
Elective	3				
	15		3		13
Total Credits: 62-63 at Bethel + 60 in AA degree = 122-123					
*1. Must take one Biblical Foundations courses at Bethel					
<small>If a student chooses to use major requirements to count as General Education requirements as well, the number of elective hours will be increased accordingly. Most financial aid packages stipulate 12 credits/term; Minnesota state grants are reduced when credit load falls below 15 credits/semester. January Session credits are counted as part of Spring Term.</small>					

[1] spring

PQ: one political science course

[2] fall, interim, spring, occ. summer

[3] fall, spring

Preq: Senior standing & Major in one of the following programs: HIS, PHI, POL, digital humanities, international relations, business political science, or social studies education 5-12