

2023–24 Political Science–Public Policy and Management (B.A.) Academic Map

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An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years (see back). NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3		ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	
PS 1005 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	May count for Social/Behavioral Sciences Gen Ed requirement	PS 2000	1	
MATH (Math)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4	
General elective	3	UNIV 1010 rec.	Soc/Beh Sci	3	Other than PS
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	14	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
General elective	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		FL 1020	3	
PS 3160	3		PS 3250	3	
FL 1010	3		Public Policy elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Public Management elective	3		PS 4290	3	Take GRE or LSAT
PS 2020, 2400, or 4120	3	See dept./advisor	Public Policy	3	See dept./advisor
FL 2010	3		PS elective	3	See dept./advisor
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		FL 2020	3	
PS 4270	3		Public Management elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Public Policy elective	3		PS 4800	3	
PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor	PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor
PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor	General elective	3	
PS elective	3		General elective	3	
General elective	3		PS elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

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Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/ for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3		ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	
PS 1005 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	May count for Social/ Behavioral Sciences Gen Ed requirement	PS 2000	1	
MATH (Math)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4	
			Soc/Beh Sci	3	Other than PS
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	14	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
General elective	3	UNIV 1010 rec.	General elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		FL 1020	3	
PS 3160	3		PS 3250	3	
FL 1010	3		Public Policy elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3		PS 2020, 2400, or 4120	3	See dept./advisor
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
Public Management elective	3		PS 4290	3	Take GRE or LSAT
FL 2010	3		General elective	3	See dept./advisor
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		PS elective	3	See dept./advisor
PS 4270	3		FL 2020	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Public Policy elective	3	See dept./advisor	Public Management elective	3	See dept./advisor
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Public Policy elective	3		PS 4800	3	
PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor	PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor
PPM cognate	3	See dept./advisor	General elective	3	
PS elective	3		PS elective	3	
General elective	3				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	12	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					