This roadmap is a **suggested** semester-by-semester planning guide for this major. It is a model four-year plan, not a guaranteed sequence or contract. Course availability may vary from semester to semester. Roadmaps are not meant to cover every possibility. They are intended to provide guidance in planning your academic path. **Roadmaps should be reviewed in consultation with your advisor.**

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### General Education Requirement

**First-Year Writing:** Complete English (ENGL) 110, Introduction to Academic Writing, or one of the approved course credit combinations satisfying the first-year writing general education requirement.

**Math/Logic:** Complete 6 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the math or logic general education requirement.

**Foreign Language:** Complete the 202-level or its equivalent or demonstrate proficiency at that level of an approved course satisfying the foreign language general education requirement.

**Natural Science:** Complete 8 credit hours of an introductory or higher sequence (of which 2 credit hours must be earned in the accompanying laboratories) from the list of approved course sequences satisfying the natural science general education requirement.

**History:** Complete one course in pre-modern history and one course in modern history from the list of approved courses satisfying the history general education requirement (6 credit hours). The two courses do not have to be taken from the same department or in sequence.

**Social Sciences:** Complete 6 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the social science general education requirement.

**Humanities:** Complete 12 credit hours from the list of approved courses satisfying the humanities general education requirement with no more than 6 credit hours with the same acronym.

**General Education Resources:** Approved course listings for each requirement can be found on: [http://registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu/index.php](http://registrar.cofc.edu/general-edu/index.php)

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Additional hours are required for earning more than one degree. Consult your [academic catalog](#).
For additional information on course descriptions, pre-requisites and degree requirements for this major, please consult your [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

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### First Year Notes

Note 1: The General Education First-Year Writing requirement should be completed within the first or second semester.

Note 2: First-Year Experience Requirement: All entering students with less than one year of college experience are required to complete a [First-Year Experience](#) (First-Year Seminar (FYSM), a Learning Community (LC), or an Honors College First-Year Experience course) within their first three consecutive academic terms.

Note 3: The department strongly recommends that POLI 101, POLI 103 or 104, POLI 150, and POLI 205 are completed in the first 15 hours of Political Science coursework.

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Second Year Notes

Note 1: **Study Abroad**: you could consider study abroad in summer or for one semester in the third year. Please check with the Center for International Education ([http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/](http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/)) for study abroad programs.

Note 2: There are three POLI subfields: American Politics and Process; Global Politics and Spaces; and Politics of Ideas. You should select a minimum of 3 credits in each of the three subfields by your junior year.

Note 3: We recommend taking three courses that count toward PPLW concentration this year (POLI 150 and then two additional PPLW courses). For example, take POLI 380 or PHIL 270 and one additional PPLW course such as POLI 320.
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### Third Year Notes

Note 1: Time to start thinking about internships? Please come to the POLI main office to find out more information.

Note 2: This is a good time to consider a concentration, minor, or second major. The Geography Minor is popular and goes particularly well with the major. See the POLI Handbook and the College of Charleston Catalog for more details.

Note 3: If you prefer to take PHIL 206, PHIL 210, or PHIL 315 to fulfill part or all of the additional six hours required for PPLW, be sure to take additional POLI elective(s). If you have not yet taken POLI 320 and/or either PHIL 270 or POLI 380, be sure to take these courses this year.
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### Fourth Year Notes

Note 1: If you would like to consider a year-long Bachelor’s Essay, you must meet with advisor before registering for Bachelor’s Essay.

Note 2: Consider an independent study or internship.

Note 4: Don’t forget to apply to graduate in MyCharleston!