

Political Science Major Experiential Major Map for BA Degree (There may be other pathways for this major — be sure to speak with a political science advisor.)

GET THE COURSES	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
TOUNEED	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS	FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS
128 + 4 Short Terms	Take two 100-level POLS classes (or a 100- and a 200-level class).	 Take a 100-level POLS class Take a 100- or 200-level POLS class Take the research survey course (GPS 216) in the spring if you are planning to study abroad spring of your junior year. 	 Take a 300-level POLS class Take a 200-level POLS class 	 Take a 300-level POLS class Take a 300-level POLS class or 480/490
BE INVOLVED AND JOIN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES	 Attend the GPS department interest meeting at the start of the year! Attend guest lectures and panels. Go to the club fair. Participate in Senate and SGA. Attend the Hollins Student Conference (SPARC). Take part in your first Tinker Day and other school traditions. 	 Travel to neighboring campuses for lectures and events. Show school spirit and go to sporting events. Attend student readings and other student-led activities. 	 Take part in Ring Night. Consider taking on leadership positions such as Student Success Leader, Orientation Team Leader, or in SGA. 	 Mentor a new student. Consider leadership positions such as global ambassadors, career connectors, tutors, International Student Orientation Program or Early Transition Program mentor.
EXPAND YOUR INTERCULTURAL AND GLOBAL HORIZONS	 Consider Model UN, Model Arab League, Black Student Alliance, the Unión de Estudiantes LatinX, the Sexuality and Gender Alliance. Attend Cultural & Community Engagement and Office of Inclusivity and Diversity events. Meet with someone in the International Programs office to discuss study abroad opportunities. 	 Apply to study abroad (Jamaica, Short Term, semester—fall of the senior year) or study away. Take a sustained dialogue class. Participate in the Diversity Monologue Troupe. Consider a J-Term language immersion program. Decide whether to add a minor or second major. 	 Participate in a COIL project or consider an international internship. Consider study abroad for a semester and/or opportunities such as Fulbright UK Summer Institute and Critical Language Scholarship. 	 Consider applying for Fulbright, Rhodes, Marshall, Gates Cambridge, or other international scholarships.
GAIN RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	 Attend C3. Create LinkedIn/Handshake accounts. Visit the Career Center and meet with a career counselor. Apply for a first-year J-Term internship. Take a leadership course or consider a leadership certificate. 	 Attend Career Center workshops. Apply for a Signature or independent internship in the U.S. and/or abroad. Become a student member of a professional association. 	 Meet with your advisor about career goals; talk to professors about their research to learn about opportunities. Check out Hollins partnerships with graduate schools. Attend the "Articulating Your International Experience" workshop. Talk with alums in the field! 	 Attend/present at a professional conference. Prepare for graduate school admission and tests (LSAT, GRE). Attend a job fair/apply for jobs Attend the Alumnae Board's preprofessional networking events.
ADD TOOLS TO YOUR LIFE BELT	Develop a self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, develop time management skills	Hone your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy	Expand your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy	Embrace your self-care mindset: Consider your nutrition, engage in exercise, practice mindfulness, connect with others, embrace financial literacy