

QUEENS COLLEGE

Political Science Secondary Education BA

Government & Public Service Track

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

12 Required Core Credits

18 Flexible Core Credits

12 College Option Credits

31+27 (SEYS) Major Credits

20 Elective credits

This 4-year academic plan is for freshmen entering Queens College in Fall 2025.

Our 4-year academic plans are illustrative examples of integrated degree requirements and course sequencing for each of the College's programs of study which are designed to ensure degree completion in a timely manner. Students are advised to meet with professional and faculty advisors to tailor their degree maps to their individual interests (academic and career goals), as well as other considerations including course offerings and the incorporation of winter and summer sessions. Course pre-requisite/s and co-requisite/s are strictly enforced, as are entrance and maintenance criteria (if applicable) for the successful completion of the degree.

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Freshman

FALL

English Composition I (EC1)	3 credits
PSCI 100 (USED)	3 credits
American Politics & Government	
Creative Expression (CE)	3 credits
Scientific World (SW)	3 credits
Second major, minor, or general electives*	3 credits

Fall total credits

15 credits

SPRING

English Composition II (EC2)	3 credits
Another Political Science 100-level course (depending on selection, satisfies IS or USED or WCGI)	3 credits
Math & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)	3 credits
Life & Physical Science (LPS)	4 credits
Second major, minor, or general electives	3 credits

Spring total credits

16 credits

Sophomore

FALL

Another Political Science 100-level course (depending on selection, satisfies IS or USED or WCGI)	3 credits
One Political Science Course from PSCI 219, 221-224	3 credits
One remaining Flexible Core	3 credits
College Option Literature (LIT)	3 credits
College Option Language (LANG)	4 credits

Fall total credits

16 credits

SPRING

PSCI 200	3 credits
Research Skills in Political Science	
One Political Science Internship**	3 credits
College Option Science (SCI)	3 credits
An Additional College Core	3 credits
Second major, minor, or general electives*	3 credits

Spring total credits

15 credits

General Education requirements may be taken in any order if the pre-requisite requirement(s) is/are satisfied.

** Two Political Science Internships are required, preferably one of which should be with an elected official

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Junior

FALL

One Political Science Internship**	3 credits
SEYS 201W (W)	3 credits
Historical, Soc., and Philo. Found. of Edu.	
SEYS 221	3 credits
Develop. & Learn. in Mid. Childhood & Adole.	
Second major, minor, or general electives	6 credits

Fall total credits **15 credits**

SPRING

One Political Science Elective		
(from other political science courses)	3 credits	
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(from other political science courses)	3 credits	
SEYS 340		3 credits
Language, Lit., and Culture in Education		
SEYS 363/363W		3 credits
Methods of Teaching Social Studies in		
Middle and High School		
ECPSE 350		3 credits
Foundation of Special Education		

Spring total credits

15 credits

Senior

FALL

One Political Science seminar from	4 credits
PSCI 381W to 387W (W)	
SEYS 373.2	3 credits
Student Teaching in Social Studies I	
SEYS 383	3 credits
Curriculum and Assessment in Social Studies	
Second major, minor, or general electives	5 credits

Fall total credits **15 credits**

SPRING

SEYS 373.4	3 credits
Student Teaching in Social Studies II	
SEYS 350	3 credits
Cognition, Technology, and Instruction	
for Diverse Learners	
Second major, minor, or general electives	9 credits

Spring total credits

15 credits

Completion of 21 credits in major with 3.0 GPA or higher required
3.0 GPA in SEYS courses required to continue in Program

This major is intended for students who would like to become initially certified in Secondary Education (grades 7-12) with a concentration in Social Studies Education. To begin the program, students must first have their major declared in Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Latin American Studies, Political Science, Sociology, or Urban Studies.

To qualify for student teaching you must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in your major if your content area is Economics; for all other content areas a 3.0; a B in SEYS 363, and a 3.0 GPA in SEYS courses.

All SEYS Social Studies Majors must have at least 21 credits of History and Geography (at least two courses of US History and two courses that are NON-US History), one course in Economics and one course in Political Science. Students must also have one block of at least 12 credits in a single Social Science discipline outside of their major. (See Reverse for more details)

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IF YOUR MAJOR IS HISTORY:

You must take at least:

- 1 Economics Course _____
1 Political Science Course _____

12 credits in A SINGLE Social Science discipline (Choose four courses from ONE of the following areas: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, or Sociology. We suggest that at least one course have the word "Geography" in the title.)

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

(If you chose Economics or Political Science as your 12 credit area, substitute a course in another Social Science field for the Economics or Political Science requirement.)

IF YOUR MAJOR IS AFRICANA STUDIES, ANTHROPOLOGY, ECONOMICS, LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY, URBAN STUDIES:

You must take at least:

- 1 Economics Course _____
1 Political Science Course _____

(If you are an Economics or Political Science Major, substitute a course in another Social Science field for the Economics/Political Science requirement.)

You must have 21 credits in History and Geography. Since there is no Geography department on campus, we recommend that you complete a minor in History. The History Department will work with your major department to certify at least one course as having sufficient history content to fulfill the requirement. Your major department may also be developing courses with the word GEOGRAPHY in the title to help you meet these requirements.

____ Yes, I am completing an 18 credit History Minor. The additional course that will bring me to 21 credits in History and Geography is:

- 1) _____

____ No, I am fulfilling this requirement without a History Minor. My four courses in US History and Non-US History/World Studies are as follows:

- 1) US: _____
2) US: _____
3) WORLD: _____
4) WORLD: _____

The remaining 9 credits I need in History and Geography are as follows:

- 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

(These 9 credits may come from Geography/History courses in your major or another Social Science Department or from the History Department.)

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To be eligible for recommendation for New York State teaching licensure, all candidates must also complete the following:

1. Certification Exams: Educating All Students (EAS) + Content Specialty Test (CST) (in social studies).

Visit for more information:

<https://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>

2. New York State certification workshops:

Child Abuse Identification and Reporting (NYS Mandated Reporter)

School Violence Prevention and Intervention (SAVE)

DASA Training (Dignity for All Students Act)

Visit for more information:

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/academics/se/workshop-information/>