

## ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Political Science – Public Legal Studies

Fall 2026

### Freshman Year (30 credits)

#### FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Intro to Political Science	PSC101	
Professional Ethics	PHI112	
GE23 Diversity: Intro Urb/Reg Planning	PLN215	
GE23: Nat Sci		

#### SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Intro to US Politics and Gov't	PSC102	
Intro to Logic or Math Logic	PHI103 or 107	CWP 101(prereq for PHI 107)
GE23 Elective (outside of major)		
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#### Notes and recommendations:

You should attend faculty office hours, visit Academic Commons, and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works by first semester. Register for prelaw advising with Prof. Shauku (shaukuak@buffalostate.edu); consider joining Moot Court Team with Prof. Yacobucci (yacobupr@buffalostate). Maintain minimum 3.5 GPA to maximize chances of law school acceptance.

### Sophomore Year (60 credits)

#### THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Political Analysis	PSC203	PSC101 or 102
Jud Proc & Politics or Intro Law	PSC221 or PSC250	
US Pol Distribution	PSC223;312;321; 420/1; or 485	JR/SR; or Inst. Perm.
GE23 Elective (outside of major)		
Second Major or Minor		

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Political Statistics	PSC204	PSC203
Con Law or US Civil Liberties	PSC317 or 320	JR/SR; or Inst. Perm.
Second Major or Minor		
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#### Notes and recommendations:

Consider enrolling in a second major or Minor: Ethics and Justice, International Relations, or Urban Regional Planning; Considering Law School – LSAT Preparation over summer between second and third year and throughout third year

**Junior Year (90 credits)**

## FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Pol Sci IR/Comp Distribution	PSC308 or 344	JR/SR; or Inst. Perm.
Pol Theory and Phil Distribution	PSC351/355 or PHI301/304/314	PSC101/2; JR/SR; or Inst. Perm.
Mock Trial	PSC485	
Second Major or Minor		
Second Major or Minor		

## SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Second Major or Minor		
Second Major or Minor		
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Second Major or Minor		
Second Major or Minor		

**Notes and recommendations:**

Visit the Career & Professional Education Department to discuss appropriate career options (draft cover letters, personal statements).

**Summer:** Prelaw – complete LSAT by August, Personal Statement and Letters of Recommendation by mid-Sept SR Year; Consider Local Internship - PSC488

**Senior Year (120 credits)**

## SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Research Skills	PSC399	PSC203 & 204
Second Major or Minor		
Second Major or Minor		

## EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Seminar/Internship	PSC470/497	PSC399

**Notes and recommendations:**

Fall: Personal Statement and Letters of Recommendation by mid-Sept SR Year; Apply to Law; Spring: Apply for Graduation & Visit the Career & Professional Education Department to have your resume reviewed.