Political Science MAJOR MAP

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
College of Arts & Sciences

Possible Programs of Study:

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD OR FINAL YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
COURSEWORK & MILESTONES (core courses, requirements, electives...)	Fall: PLSC 101: Careers (1) PLSC 200: Intro to PLSC (3) PLSC 201 – Amer Govt (3) PLSC 207 – Comp Pol (3) WRIT 101 Spring: PLSC 260 Model UN (3) 200-Level Elective (3) HMXP 102	300-Level Elective (3) (Public Administration) 300-Level Elective (3) (Political Theory) CRTW 201 MATH 111/113/150 PLSC 350 Methods (3)	300-Level Elective (3) 300-Level Elective (3) Consider adding an Interdisciplinary Studies Minor or Double Major!	PLSC 490 – Capstone (3) 500-Level Elective (3) 500-Level Elective (3)
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (clubs, jobs, volunteering, research, internships...)	Earn $9.50 an hour working in the Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research (CPOPR) while you learn about public opinion and survey research! Join one of over 160 Clubs and Orgs on campus, including College Democrats College Republicans Socialist Student Union	Work to achieve membership in Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) (3.0 PLSC GPA in 15 credits of PLSC) Become a Supervisor in the CPOPR! Enroll in PLSC 261 (1) and help run the Model UN Conference you enjoyed your first year!	Become an Active Member or Officer of PSA and help create PLSC campus cultural events Enroll in PLSC 362 (1) and engage in collegiate Model UN competitions in Charlotte and Atlanta! Apply for a paid internship with The John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy	Submit your Capstone Paper Abstract to present at the WU SOURCE Conference! Present a paper at the North Carolina Political Science Association (NCPSA) Conference or the South Carolina Political Science Association (SCPSA) Conference!
COMMUNITY CONNECTION (conferences, student gov't, associations...)	Get Started volunteering through the Winthrop University MLK Day of Service.	Register for a 1-credit (50 hours), 2-credit (100 hours), or 3-credit (150 hours) Internship! Work for a candidate, a party, a law office. Check out a possible career path and see if it is right for YOU!	Register for a Service Learning Course or engage in Community Volunteerism – See WU Clubs and Orgs for more information	Register for a 1-credit (50 hours), 2-credit (100 hours), or 3-credit (150 hours) Internship! Work for a candidate, a party, a law office. Check out a possible career path and see if it is right for YOU!
GLOBAL THINKING (study abroad, travel, 3rd year exchange...)	Enroll in the PLSC 260 Model UN course and combined High School/ College conference in the Spring semester and get public speaking experience while representing another country!	Enroll in a Short-Term Study Abroad Course to Kenya with Dr. Hye-Sung Kim!	Consider one of WU's many affiliated semester-long study abroad programs! Apply for a Gilman or other Travel Scholarship through the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards (ONCA)!	Participate in International Education Week and share your global learning experiences with other WU students!
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION (career or grad school prep)	Take PLSC 101: Careers in Political Science course and meet successful alumni working in our field! Explore career paths that emerge from WU PLSC's three affiliated programs: Model UN (International Relations, Public Speaking, Political Advocacy, Social Studies Teacher, Political Science Professor, Law)	Explore career paths that emerge from WU PLSC's three affiliated programs: Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research (CPOPR) (Public Opinion, Survey Research, Data Analysis, Public Policy Analysis and Advocacy)	Explore career paths that emerge from WU PLSC's three affiliated programs: The John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy (Local, State, and Federal Government, Campaigns and Elections Non-Governmental Organizations Political Advocacy	Come to a PLSC Workshop on Life After Graduation and engage with the Career and Civic Engagement! Present a paper at the WU SOURCE, North Carolina Political Science Association (NCPSA) Conference or the South Carolina Political Science Association (SCPSA) Conference!

AFTER GRADUATION

CAREERS OF INTEREST

Local, State, and Federal Government
International Affairs
Survey Research
Campaigns and Elections
Non-Governmental Organizations
Political Advocacy
Business
Marketing
Social Studies Teacher
Political Science Professor
Law

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS I MIGHT NEED INCLUDE:

Oral Communication
Written Communication
Critical Thinking
Master's, Law, and PhD degrees in Public Administration, Public Policy, Law, Political Science