

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

ECONOMICS - Political Economics Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

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Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
WRIT 101 Foundations in Composition (co-req with WRIT 102) or WRIT 103 Composition, Gen Ed (W)	3	COMM 101 Public Speaking, Gen Ed (0)	3
ECON 156*, MATH 118, MATH 140, MATH 150, MATH 160, Gen Ed (Q)	3	ITAN 175 Spreadsheet Analysis, Gen Ed (T)**	3
ECON 121 Prin. of Macroeconomics, Gen Ed (G)* or ECON 122 Prin. of Microeconomics, Gen Ed (R)*	3	ECON 122 Prin. of Microeconomics, Gen Ed (R)*, or ECON 121 Prin. of Macroeconomics, Gen Ed (G)*	3
FYS 100 First Year Seminar, Gen Ed (U)	3	Gen Ed (N)	3
Gen Ed (N)	3	Gen Ed (A or C)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
SECOND YEAR			
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ECON 221 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	3	ECON 222 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	3
ECON 256 Business and Economics Statistics I	3	Gen Ed (S or E)	3
POLI 110 U.S. Government: Participation & Policy	3	Gen Ed (H)	3
Gen Ed (D)	3	Gen Ed (L)	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
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Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ECON 315 Business and Government or ECON 320 Cost- Benefit Analysis or ECON 326 Public Finance	3	ECON elective (300+)	3
POLI 330 Introduction to Public Administration or POLI 333 Public Administration Applications	3	POLI Elective (300+)	3
Free Elective	3	Gen Ed (F)	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
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Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15
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Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ECON Elective (300+)	3	ECON 313 Labor Economics or ECON 322 Contrasting Economics or ECON 460 Advanced Political Economics	3
POLI Elective (300+)	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

* Only two of the following three courses can count towards the General Education requirements: ECON 121, ECON 122, ECON 156.

** ITAN 175 is recommended, but students can choose any 3 credits Technology General Education course.

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Curriculum Checklist Fall 2023 Commonwealth Economics Core Courses (15 credits) ECON 121 Principles of Macroeconomics

- ____ ECON 122 Principles of Microeconomics
- ECON 221 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory*
- ECON 222 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory*
- ECON 256 Business & Economics Statistics I

Fall 2023 Commonwealth Economics Specialization & Elective Courses (12 credits)

- ECON 315 Business and Government* or ECON 320 Cost-Benefit Analysis* or ECON 326: Public Finance*
- ECON 313 Labor Economics* or ECON 322 Contrasting Economics* or ECON 460 Advanced Political Economics*
- ____ Economics Elective 300/400*
- ____ Economics Elective 300/400*

Fall 2023 Commonwealth Political Science Specialization & Elective Courses (12 credits)

- _____ POLI 110 U.S. Government: Participation & Policy
- POLI 330 Introduction to Public Administration* or POLI 333 Public Administration Applications*
- ____ POLI Elective 300/400*
- ____ POLI Elective 300/400*

Fall 2023 Commonwealth Free Elective Courses (42 credits)

____ Free Electives

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below.

- Foundations (15 credits)
- ____ FYS 100 First Year Seminar, Gen Ed (U) ____ WRIT 101 Foundations in Composition (co-reg with
- WRIT 102) or WRIT 103 Composition, Gen Ed (W)
- ____ COMM 101 Public Speaking, Gen Ed (0)
- _____ General Education Course (H)
- _____ General Education Course, (Q)
 - Choose one class from the list below: ECON 156 Business & Economics Mathematics MATH 118 College Algebra
 - □ MATH140 Precalculus
 - □ MATH150 Essentials of Calculus
 - □ MATH160 Calculus 1
- Interconnections (9 credits)

 ECON 121 Principles of Macroeconomics, Gen Ed (G)
 General Education Course, Diversity (D)
 General Education Course, G or F)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits)
 ECON 122 Principles of Microeconomics, Gen Ed (R)
 General Education Course, Citizenship or Ethical
 Reasoning (A or C)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 ITAN 175 Spreadsheet Analysis, Gen Ed (T)
 General Education Course, Natural World (N)
 General Education Course, Natural World (N)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 General Education Course, Literature (L)
 General Education Course, Arts or Creativity (A or C)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (a minimum of 42 credits must be advanced coursework), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.