



Political Science B.A.



From the
CLASSROOM *to* **YOUR CAREER**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

CAREER READINESS

We recommend that you take these courses and pursue these career readiness opportunities to make the most of your time at the Colin Powell School. Schedule appointments with the Office of Academic Advising, the Office of Student Success, and faculty advisors within your department to go over your plans.

Lower Freshman (15 CREDITS)

- **FIQWS 10015:** Bridges to Success **3 CR**

- **FIQWS 10115:** Composition for US Experience **3 CR**

- **PSC 10100:** United States Politics and Government **3 CR**

- Pathways Flexible Common Core Course **3 CR**

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*If you decide to take ENGL 11000 instead of FIQWS 10015, you can an elective instead of FIWQS 10115

Upper Freshman (15 CREDITS)

- **ENGL 21002:** Writing for the Social Sciences **3 CR**

- **PSC 10200:** Introduction to Political Theory **3 CR**

- **PSC 10300:** Introduction to World Politics **3 CR**

- Pathways Flexible Common Core Course **3 CR**

- Pathways College Option: Language Requirement or Free Elective **3 CR**

Lower Freshman

- **Meet with an Academic Advisor:** Create your class schedule with the help of an advisor.
- **Join the WELCOME program:** Receive guidance from a dedicated support team and a free MetroCard. See an academic advisor to register.
- **Join a student club:** Attend the club fair in September; join the Pre-Law Club or Model UN.
- **Sign up for a Student Success Guide peer mentor:** Get advice from an upperclass student.
- **Start building your resume:** Join the Powell School's Freshman Forward Program. Start by creating a Simplicity account on CCNY Career Connections.
- **Apply to CUNY Spring Forward:** Secure your first paid internship.

Upper Freshman

- **Get to know your professors:** Meet faculty and advisors at the Colin Powell School. Do this every semester and grow your network.
- **Engage with the Office of Student Success:** Meet the OSS staff and attend a social event at the Colin Powell School Student Center.
- **Create a LinkedIn account:** Join the Colin Powell School – Student Career Opportunities group.
- **Apply for a fellowship:** Take part in the Colin Powell School Fellowship in Leadership and Public Service or similar programs.
- **Apply to CUNY Career Launch:** Secure a paid summer internship if you didn't do Spring Forward.
- **Develop skills by volunteering:** Gain experience at local community organizations or elected officials' offices.

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Lower Sophomore (15 CREDITS)

- **MATH 15000:** Mathematics for the Contemporary World or elective **3 CR**

- **SSC 20100:** Braven Leadership Accelerator **3 CR**

- Pathways College Option: Language Requirement or Free Elective **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #1 **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #2 **3 CR**

Upper Sophomore (15 CREDITS)

- Life & Physical Sciences **3 CR**

- Pathways College Option: Language Requirement or Free Elective **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #3 **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #4 **3 CR**

Lower Sophomore

- **Take a class that enhances your professional skills:** Sign up for the Braven Accelerator class and continue to improve your resume and professional portfolio.
- **Join the Powell School Student Advisory Committee:** Serve as a liaison between the student body and Dean's Office.
- **Connect with professors:** Tell them about your interests. Explore research or independent study opportunities.
- **Get an internship:** Participate in the Powell School's Paid Internships Program.
- **Explore careers related to your major:** Talk to CPDI, an OSS Career Coach, or your professors.

Upper Sophomore

- **Meet with mentors:** Continue building relationships with professors, advisors, and others for mentorship and recommendation letters.
- **Apply for a Powell School fellowship:** Get the training and funding to tackle critical issues.
- **Apply for summer internships:** Get experience at nonprofits or do research through ORCA. Work with a Career Coach to update your resume and cover letter.
- **Develop leadership skills:** Run for a club e-board position.
- **Study Abroad:** Visit the Study Abroad office to learn about different programs.

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Lower Junior (15 CREDITS)

- Pathways Flexible Common Core - Scientific World **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #5 **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #6 **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #7 **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

Upper Junior (15 CREDITS)

- Political Science Elective #8 **3 CR**

- Political Science Elective #9 **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

Lower Junior

- **See an academic advisor:** Make sure you're on track for graduation.
- **Apply for internships:** Work at cultural organizations, nonprofits, or research centers.
- **Research graduate school:** Explore programs in political science or related fields.
- **Study in DC:** Apply to the Semester in DC program for the following spring.
- **Connect with an alumni mentor:** Join the Powell School's alumni mentorship program and broaden your network.

Upper Junior

- **Go to CPDI's Career Fair:** Explore internships and jobs.
- **Apply for a fellowship offered by the Powell School:** Learn more about racial justice, international human rights, and other important issues.
- **Apply to summer internships:** Continue to develop your skills over the summer.
- **Build a job search strategy:** Meet with a Career Coach at the Office of Student Success. Participate in CPDI's Senior Recruitment program.
- **Finalize your professional portfolio:** Make sure you have a polished resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, and writing/project samples.

Lower Senior (15 CREDITS)

- Free Elective **3 CR**

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- Free Elective **3 CR**

- Free Elective **3 CR**

Upper Senior (13-15 CREDITS)

- Free Electives **3 CR**

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- Free Electives **1-2 CR**

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS: **120 CR**

Lower Senior

- **Apply for graduate programs:** Submit your application if you plan to continue your education immediately after undergrad.
- **Seek references and letters of recommendation:** Ask faculty and supervisors for support if applying to graduate school, external fellowships, and jobs.

Upper Senior

- **Apply for graduation through CUNYFirst:** Do this three to four months before graduation.
- **Apply for jobs in government, nonprofits, or law firms:** Meet with a Career Coach at the Office of Student Success. Attend a CPDI Career Fair. Consider NYC's Civil Service Pathways Fellowship.
- **Network with alumni:** Join the Powell School alumni group and attend events.
- **Complete the CUNY Cap and Gown survey:** Access the survey on CUNYfirst and help improve the student experience.

STUDENT RESOURCES – POWELL SCHOOL

First-Year Experience

Start your college journey with the right tools and support.

colinpowellschool.ccny.cuny.edu/first-year-experience/



Student Success Guides

Connect with an experienced upperclass student who will serve as a mentor and role model. They will help you learn about campus resources, develop strong relationships with faculty and staff, and adapt to City College.

colinpowellschool.ccny.cuny.edu/mentoring



WELCOME PROGRAM for First-Year Students

WELCOME supports first-year students as they transition into college. Students selected for WELCOME enroll in three courses alongside a cohort of 25 peers, are paired with an Academic Advisor, and benefit from additional student support services. All students receive a \$90 Metrocard when they sign up.

oel.ccny.cuny.edu/welcome/about-welcome



LinkedIn Profiles, Resumes, and More

Our Colin Powell School Career Coaches are here to provide one-on-one support, whether you need help creating a LinkedIn Profile, building or strengthening your resume, or crafting a cover letter.

colinpowellschool.ccny.cuny.edu/career-and-profesional-development



Career Fellows Paid Internships Program

Every Colin Powell School student with at least 30 credits is eligible for a paid internship. We have a database of over 150 organizations across New York City in a variety of sectors.

colinpowellschool.ccny.cuny.edu/career-fellows-internships-program



Student Career Opportunities LinkedIn Group

Join this LinkedIn group and get daily updates on internship, job, and other professional development opportunities.

linkedin.com/groups/8893651



Fellowships for Colin Powell School Students

Our fellowships prepare you to become leaders, whether that's in the private sector or in public service. If you're interested in issues like climate change, racial justice, immigration, or inequality, these programs are for you. All fellowships come with funding and internship opportunities.

colinpowellschool.ccny.cuny.edu/fellowships



STUDENT RESOURCES— CCNY

Braven Leadership Accelerator

The Braven Leadership Accelerator is a 3-credit foundational course designed to begin preparing students to become leaders in an increasingly competitive, globalized career marketplace. The course is ideal for sophomores and juniors.

braven.org/new-york/



Career and Professional Development (CPDI) Internships Program

CPDI serves the entire CCNY student body and is the primary career office on campus. Enroll in the CPDI Internship Program and get access to special internship and networking opportunities with employers.

ccny.cuny.edu/cpdi/internship-program-description



CPDI Senior Recruitment Program

The program supports seniors who are seeking full-time jobs after graduation. Participating students are referred to employers, invited to special hiring events, and are assigned a career professional.

ccny.cuny.edu/cpdi/professional-recruitment-programs



CCNY Study Abroad Programs

Experience the world while earning credit through global learning opportunities.

ccny.cuny.edu/studyabroad



CCNY Writing Center

Get one-on-one assistance on your course writing assignments or personal statements.

ccny.cuny.edu/writing



STUDENT RESOURCES— CUNY

CUNY Spring Forward

Obtain your first paid internship and work in nonprofits, communications, healthcare, and other areas. Applications open in the fall and internships are in the spring. Freshmen and sophomores get priority admission.

cuny.edu/springforward



CUNY Career Launch

Similar to CUNY Spring Forward, CUNY Career Launch helps students get their first paid internships. Applications open in the spring and internships are in the summer.

cuny.edu/careerlaunch



WHAT'S YOUR GAME PLAN FOR THE NEXT SEMESTERS?

Build your own map, track your progress, and celebrate each step you complete.

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