

Grand Valley State University
CLAS Academic Advising Center
 C-1-140 Mackinac Hall
 616-331-8585

Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program
Political Science Minor

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ SID: _____

Phone: _____

Transfer Institution(s): _____

Required Courses (x)=completed (*)=needs to complete (?) needs syllabus for possible credit

Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
PLS 102	American Government & Politics					
PLS 103 Or PLS 211	Issues in World Politics Or International Relations ¹					
<i>Of the remaining 15 credits, one course must be in American Politics, one in Comparative Politics or International Relations, and one course in Political Thought.</i>						
	<u>American Politics</u>					
PLS 202	American Election Campaigns					
PLS 203	State Politics					
PLS 205	The Policy Process					
PLS 206	American Constitutional Foundations					
PLS 304	Political Parties & Interest Groups					
PLS 305	Congress & The Presidency					
PLS 306	American Constitutional Law I					
PLS 307	American Constitutional Law II					
PLS 308	American Judicial Politics					
PLS 310	Politics & Health Policy					
PLS 340	Mass Media & American Politics					
PLS 341	Elections & Voting Behavior					
PA 307	Local Politics & Administration					
	<u>International Relations</u>					
PLS 211	International Relations					
PLS 212	Great Decisions					
PLS 311	International Conflict & Conflict Resolution					
PLS 312	U.S. Foreign Policy					
PLS 313	International organization					
PLS 314	International law					

3. **Contact the CLAS Academic Advising Center to schedule an appointment if you need help registering.**
4. **Prior to admission to the program, you should schedule an appointment with the Graduate Teacher Certification Coordinator within the College of Education. You can schedule that appointment by calling 616-331-6650.**

The following details give information regarding the Graduate Teacher Certification Program and are taken directly from the Grand Valley State University catalog:

Graduate Teacher Certification. Candidates who already possess an approved baccalaureate degree may consider certification at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Because of the need for careful assessment in choosing the appropriate program, students should first contact the Student Information and Services Center to request background materials and register to attend one of the regularly scheduled information meetings. Candidates considering the graduate program must be able to undertake full-time study for approximately one calendar year. Minimum admission requirements for the graduate certification program include:

1. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution at least three years prior to application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the final 60 semester credits.
2. Possession of completion of a teachable major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Secondary candidates must also possess or complete a teachable minor before final certification.
3. Successful completion of Michigan Basic Skills Test.
4. Successful completion of Michigan Subject Area Test in teachable major.
5. Documentation of 25 hours age-appropriate experience with children or youth.
6. Current TB test report.
7. Signed statement regarding criminal activity.
8. Completion of EDG 619 Curricular Integration of Ed Technology.
9. Admission to graduate studies
10. Completion of application materials for graduate teacher certification program.

Candidates will be eligible for Michigan Provisional Certification after they successfully complete coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and complete certain additional state requirements. These requirements include the Michigan Elementary Test for elementary candidates, or the completion of a teachable minor and the Michigan Subject Area Test in the minor for secondary candidates.

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