

# Political Science, BS

## Academic Plans

### Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

In addition to the following checkpoints, honors students must complete POLI:4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics and one additional honors seminar before the seventh semester begins.

**Before the fifth semester begins:** two courses in the major.

**Before the seventh semester:** eight courses in the major, including one of the two required statistics/research/experiential courses and POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** 11 courses in the major

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

### Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability <sup>a</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics <sup>b</sup>	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Elective course <sup>d</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>b</sup>		3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives <sup>e</sup>		3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	2
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>

### Second Year

<b>Fall</b>	
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>b</sup>	
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	2
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>

### Spring

POLI:3000	Analyzing Political Data <sup>f</sup>	3
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>b</sup>		
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>c</sup>	4 - 5	
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3	
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	2	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>	

### Third Year

<b>Fall</b>	
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>b</sup>	
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>g</sup>	
Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>f</sup>	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society <sup>e</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>

### Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>g</sup>	
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>g</sup>	
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>e</sup>	4
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	2 - 3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>

### Fourth Year

<b>Fall</b>	
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>g</sup>	
Major: statistics/research/experiential course <sup>f</sup>	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>e</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>

### Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>g</sup>	
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues <sup>e</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>d</sup>	3
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 Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline  
 (typically in February for spring, September for fall)  
<sup>h</sup>

<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>119-128</b>

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.
- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- f Students must complete a set of statistics/research/experiential courses (9 s.h.), including POLI:3000 and at least 6 s.h. of additional approved electives.
- g Students must complete at least 15 s.h. (typically five courses) in additional political science courses (prefix POLI) numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:3710, POLI:3711, POLI:3993, and POLI:4900.
- h Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.