

Political Risk Analysis, Certificate

The Certificate in Political Risk Analysis prepares students to work in this highly interdisciplinary area, which requires a keen understanding of business practices and the political situation facing countries. Political risk analysis focuses on the effect that country characteristics and events have on sovereign risk (ability of a country to repay its debts), company security, supply chains, and the safety of individuals working or traveling in a country. Understanding this risk is part of helping companies better manage their investments, assets, and activities in foreign countries based on threats that a company might face.

The certificate demonstrates to companies that students have the requisite training to work in this area. The political risk analysis certificate was developed in conjunction with individuals working in this area and the Association of International Risk Intelligence Professionals. Feedback about the curriculum has been received from individuals working in the industry so that it provides the training that students need to be competitive in this area. Alumni are active in assisting students with advice on internships and careers.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of relevant economic and risk principles for an organization,
- demonstrate knowledge of country and international system factors that influence an organization, and
- analyze these system factors to show how they impact the risk for an organization.

Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Political Risk Analysis requires a minimum of 18 s.h. of credit. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate. Certificate courses cannot be taken pass/nonpass. A maximum of 6 s.h. of transfer credit may be accepted toward certificate requirements, with the approval of the political risk analysis advisor.

The certificate can be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not concurrently enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program.

The Certificate in Political Risk Analysis requires the following coursework.

Core Courses

The course, FIN:3400, has ECON:1100 Principles of Microeconomics and ECON:1200 Principles of Macroeconomics as prerequisite courses; the prerequisites do not count toward the certificate.

Financial Risk Principles

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
FIN:3400	Principles of Risk Management and Insurance	3

Quantitative Analysis

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:3000	Analyzing Political Data	3
STAT:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:2020	Probability and Statistics for the Engineering and Physical Sciences	3
STAT:3510	Biostatistics	3

Politics Foundation

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations	3

Elective Courses

Students select three courses from the following.

Country and International Risk

Code	Title	Hours
POLI:2415	Latin American Politics	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	3
POLI:3408	Chinese Politics and Society	3
POLI:3410	Russian Foreign Policy	3
POLI:3411	Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles	3
POLI:3418	Governance in the Middle East	3
POLI:3420	Southeast Asia: Politics and Development	3
POLI:3422	Horn of Africa: Politics and Transnational Issues	3
POLI:3423	The Middle East: Policy and Diplomacy	3
POLI:3426	Outliers: Comparing Odd Countries	3
POLI:3450	Problems in Comparative Politics	3
POLI:3503	Politics of Terrorism	3
POLI:3504	Globalization	3
POLI:3505	Civil Wars	3
POLI:3506	Consequences of War	3
POLI:3509	International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics	3
POLI:3512	International Conflict	3
POLI:3514	Regional Peace and Security	3
POLI:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
POLI:3518	Water Wars: Conflict and Cooperation	3
POLI:3522	Ending Wars and Keeping Peace	3

POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
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Experiential Learning Requirement

All students select one of the following after consultation with the political risk analysis advisor.

Study Abroad

Code	Title	Hours
	Students register for study abroad credit (prefix ABRD)	

Research

Code	Title	Hours
POLI:3001	Hawkeye Poll	3
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	arr.
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:4701	Undergraduate Research Tutorial	3
URES:3992	Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects	0
URES:3993	Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects	1-4
URES:3994	Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects	1-4
URES:3995	ICRU Research Fellow	0

Internship

Code	Title	Hours
POLI:4900	Government and Politics Internship	1-3

Another approved internship course