

# Political Risk Analysis, Certificate

The undergraduate 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 of country characteristics and events on sovereign risk (the 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 Department of Political Science collaborates with the College of Business to offer the undergraduate program in political risk analysis; the Department of Political Science administers the certificate.

## Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Political Risk Analysis requires a minimum of 18 s.h. of credit. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate. Coursework for the certificate may not be taken pass/nonpass. Courses graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis may not count toward certificate requirements. 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 may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) students may earn the certificate when the undergraduate classification is primary.

The Certificate in Political Risk Analysis requires the following coursework.

## Core Courses

### Financial Risk Principles

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

### Quantitative Analysis

Course #	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

Course #	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

Course #	Title	Hours
POLI:2415	Latin American Politics	3
POLI:3405	Authoritarian Politics	3
POLI:3411	Democracy: Global Trends and Struggles	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:3428	Statecraft, Diplomacy, and World Order	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:3516	The Politics of International Economics	3
POLI:3518	Water Wars: Conflict and Cooperation	3
POLI:3550	Problems of International Politics	3
POLI:3555	Gender, Conflict, and International Relations	3

## Experiential Learning Requirement

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

### Study Abroad

Students may register for a study abroad course (prefix ABRD).

## Research

Course #	Title	Hours
POLI:3001	Hawkeye Poll	3
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	arr.

POLI:3160	Applied Research in Political Science	1-3
POLI:3525	Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab	0-3
POLI:3527	Civil War Research Lab	3
POLI:3530	Diplomacy Lab	arr.
POLI:3994	Political Science Undergraduate Research Projects	1-4
POLI:4701	Undergraduate Research Tutorial	3
URES:3991	Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects	0
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	Independent Creative Research by Undergraduates Summer Internship	0

## Internship

Course #	Title	Hours
POLI:3124	Guided Political Science Internship	1-9
POLI:4900	Government and Politics Internship	1-3