

# Political Science, B.A.

## 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 begins:** six courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

**Before the eighth semester begins:** eight 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>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics <sup>a</sup>	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-17</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>a</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion <sup>d</sup>		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>		4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>

### Second Year

#### Fall

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>a</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab <sup>d</sup>	4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	2 - 3
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>16-18</b>	

#### Spring

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>a</sup>	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning <sup>d</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course <sup>b</sup>	4 - 5
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>16-17</b>	

### Third Year

#### Fall

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX <sup>a</sup>	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts <sup>d</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>15</b>	

#### Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>e</sup>	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture <sup>d</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>15</b>	

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above <sup>e</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives <sup>d</sup>	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab <sup>d</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
Elective course <sup>c</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	
<b>15</b>	

#### Spring

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

<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>123-130</b>

- a Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- b Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- c 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.
- d 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.
- e For the political science major upper-level is defined as those courses numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:4900, and POLI:3710.
- f Please see Academic Calendar, 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 Graduation Services.