

Political Science, BA

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
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics ^b	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 ^c		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Elective course ^d		2
Hours		14-16
Spring		
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX ^b		3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5

Elective course ^d	3
Hours	16-18

Second Year

Fall

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX ^b	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e	4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^c	4 - 5
Elective course ^d	3

Hours 14-15

Spring

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX ^b	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^e	3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^c	4 - 5
Elective course ^d	3

Hours 16-17

Third Year

Fall

Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX ^b	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3

Hours 15

Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3

Hours 15

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3

Hours 15

Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^f	3
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GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e	3
Elective course ^d	3
Elective course ^d	3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline
(typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours	15
Total Hours	120-126

- 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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- 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 For the political science major upper-level is defined as those courses numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:3710, POLI:3711, POLI:3992, POLI:3993, and POLI:4900.
- g 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 Degree Services.