

Political Science, B.A.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students majoring in political science have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a UI g.p.a. of at least 3.33 and a major g.p.a. of at least 3.50. In addition to maintaining the minimum grade-point average requirements, students must complete 6-9 s.h. in specific departmental honors courses with a grade of B or higher in each course. They also are encouraged to enroll in honors sections of introductory courses whenever available. The required honors courses are included in the minimum 36 s.h. of political science coursework for the major.

Students earning departmental honors must include the following courses in their major coursework.

Honors Seminar

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
POLI:4000	Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics	3

Experiential Learning

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:3001	Hawkeye Poll	3
POLI:3113	Research in Judicial Politics	3
POLI:3124	Guided Political Science Internship	1-9
POLI:3127	Legislative Policy Seminar	arr.
POLI:4701	Undergraduate Research Tutorial	3
POLI:4900	Government and Politics Internship	3
Another course or experience, such as POLI:3530, study abroad, internship credit, or research work (approved by the honors director)		0-3

Final Honors Project

Code	Title	Hours
One of these:		
POLI:4600	Honors Research Project	3
POLI:4601	Honors Senior Thesis	3

Students who choose to write an honors thesis are required to schedule an oral discussion of their completed honors thesis, mainly to enrich the intellectual experience of its author. A student discusses the thesis with a faculty committee including the thesis director and the department's honors director or a faculty member designated by that official. The committee may withhold approval of fundamentally inadequate theses, but directors are to schedule theses for discussion only when they are ready. The discussion typically concentrates on exploring thesis ideas from several perspectives rather than whether to approve a thesis.

For more information about honors in the political science major, contact the Department of Political Science honors advisor.

National Honor Society

The department sponsors a chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha. Students who have a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.30, have attained junior standing, and have completed 15 s.h. of coursework in political science are considered for membership. Contact the Department of Political Science honors advisor for more information.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the political science major.