

Political Science, B.S.

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: eight courses in the major, including two of the three required mathematics/statistics courses and POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 11 courses in the major, including POLI:4600 Honors Research Project or POLI:4701 Undergraduate Research Tutorial.

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

Second Year

Fall		
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX		3
Major: calculus course ^{a, e, f}		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^b		4 - 5
Elective course ^c		3
Elective course ^c		2 - 3
Hours		16-18

Spring

POLI:3000	Analyzing Political Data	3
Major: calculus or statistics course ^e		3 - 4
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^b		4 - 5
Elective course ^c		3
Hours		16-18

Third Year

Fall		
Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX		3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^g		3
Major: statistics course ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^d		3
Elective course ^c		3
Hours		15

Spring

Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^g		3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^d		4
Elective course ^c		2 - 3
Hours		15-16

Fourth Year

Fall		
POLI:4701 or POLI:4600	Undergraduate Research Tutorial or Honors Research Project	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^d		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^d		3
Elective course ^c		3
Elective course ^c		3
Hours		15

Spring

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

Hours	15
Total Hours	123-132

- 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 Students complete an approved set of mathematics/statistics courses (10-11 s.h.).
- f Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
- g For the political science major upper-level is defined as those courses numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:4900, and POLI:3710.
- h 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.