Political Science, BS

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.

Before the fifth semester begins: two courses in the major.

Before the seventh semester: eight courses in the major, including one of the two required statistics/research/experiential 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

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

First Year
Fall
POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics 3
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level or Professor or elective course 4 - 5
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2
Elective course 3

Hours 15-17

Spring
Major: introductory-level course numbered or POLI:1XXX 3
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level or Professor or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course 2

Hours 15-17

Second Year
Fall
Major: introductory-level course numbered or POLI:1XXX 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level or Professor or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course 3
Elective course 2

Hours 15-16

Spring
POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data 3
Major: introductory-level course numbered or POLI:1XXX 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level or Professor or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course 3
Elective course 2

Hours 15-16

Third Year
Fall
Major: introductory-level course numbered or POLI:1XXX 3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above 3
Major: statistics/research/experiential course 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15-16

Spring
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above 3
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab 4
Elective course 2 - 3

Hours 15-16

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above 3
Major: statistics/research/experiential course 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3

Hours 15-16

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

Hours 15-16
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline
(typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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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 Students must complete a set of statistics/research/experiential courses (9 s.h.), including POLI:3000 and at least 6 s.h. of additional approved electives.

g Students must complete at least 15 s.h. (typically five courses) in additional political science courses (prefix POLI) numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:3710, POLI:3711, POLI:3992, POLI:3993, and POLI:4900.

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 Degree Services.