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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### 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

**Hours** 15-17

#### Spring

- Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX b 3
- GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives e 3
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
- Elective course d 3
- Elective course d 2

**Hours** 15-16

### Second Year

#### Fall

- Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX b 3
- GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course c 4 - 5
- Elective course d 3
- Elective course d 2

**Hours** 15-16

#### Spring

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

**Hours** 15-16

### Third Year

#### Fall

- Major: introductory-level course numbered POLI:1XXX b 3
- Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above g 3
- Major: statistics/research/experiential course f 3 - 4
- GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture e 3
- Elective course d 3

**Hours** 15-16

#### Spring

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

**Hours** 15-16

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

- Major: upper-level course numbered POLI:2XXX or above g 3
- Major: statistics/research/experiential course f 3 - 4
- GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab e 3
- Elective course d 3
- Elective course d 3

**Hours** 15-16

#### Spring

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