

Political Science, B.S.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in political science requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 46 s.h. of work for the major (36 s.h. in political science courses and 10-11 s.h. of approved mathematics/statistics courses). At least 18 s.h. of coursework for the major must be taken at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Credit earned in POLI:1000 First-Year Seminar, POLI:3124 Guided Political Science Internship, POLI:3710 Law School Readiness Seminar, and POLI:4900 Government and Politics Internship does not count toward the major, but grades in these courses become part of a student's grade-point average.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a B.S. may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average; but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

The B.S. with a major in political science requires the following coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
	Political Science Introductory Courses	15
	Additional Political Science Courses	21
	Mathematics/Statistics Courses	10-11
	Total Hours	46-47

Political Science Introductory Courses

Code	Title	Hours
This course:		
POLI:1100	Introduction to American Politics	3
And four of these:		
POLI:1001	Introduction to Politics	3
POLI:1050	Big Ideas: Introduction to Information, Society, and Culture	3
POLI:1200	Introduction to Political Behavior	3
POLI:1300	Introduction to Political Thought and Action	3
POLI:1400	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI:1401	Introduction to Russian Politics	3

POLI:1410	Introduction to Asian International Relations	3
POLI:1445	Introduction to Asian Politics: China	3
POLI:1449	Introduction to European Politics	3
POLI:1500	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLI:1501	Introduction to American Foreign Policy	3
POLI:1600	Introduction to Political Communication	3
POLI:1601	Introduction to Social Media and Politics	3
POLI:1700	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
POLI:1800	Introduction to the Politics of Class and Inequality	3
POLI:1900	Introduction to the Politics of Race	3
POLI:1950	Introduction to the Politics of Religion	3

Additional Political Science Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Courses		
These:		
	Political science courses numbered 2000 or above, excluding POLI:3124, POLI:3710, and POLI:4900	15
This course:		
POLI:3000	Analyzing Political Data	3
One of these:		
POLI:4600	Honors Research Project	3
POLI:4701	Undergraduate Research Tutorial	3

Mathematics/Statistics Courses

Students complete one of the following sets of mathematics/statistics courses with a g.p.a. of at least 2.00. Other sets of courses may be used with written approval of the B.S. program advisor.

Set 1

Code	Title	Hours
MATH:1380	Calculus and Matrix Algebra for Business	4
or MATH:1550	Engineering Mathematics I: Single Variable Calculus	
or MATH:1850	Calculus I	
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
STAT:6513	Intermediate Statistical Methods	3

Set 2

Code	Title	Hours
MATH:1850 or MATH:1550	Calculus I Engineering Mathematics I: Single Variable Calculus	4
MATH:1860 or MATH:1560	Calculus II Engineering Mathematics II: Multivariable Calculus	4
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3

Emphases in Political Science

Students may elect to complete one or two emphases while fulfilling the requirements for the major. The emphasis is indicated on the transcript at graduation if the student completes the emphasis and requests recognition from the department.

Each emphasis consists of four courses. Emphases are available in American institutions, identity politics, international relations, political behavior, political communication, political theory, and politics of foreign countries. For lists of courses approved in each area, contact the Department of Political Science.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.