

Political Science, PhD

Academic Plans

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		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Students must maintain a Graduate College program GPA of 3.40 or higher. ^c		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
POLI:5000	Introduction to Political Analysis	4
POLI:5001	Introductory Methodology ^d	4
Field Seminar course ^e		4
Hours		12
Spring		
POLI:5003	Intermediate Methodology ^d	4
Field Seminar course ^e		4
Field Seminar course ^e		4
Hours		12
Second Year		
Fall		
POLI:7003	Advanced Methodology ^d	4
Elective course ^f		4
Elective course ^f		4
Hours		12
Spring		
Elective course ^f		4
Elective course ^f		4
Elective course ^f		4
Hours		12
Third Year		
Any Semester		
Qualifying Exams ^g		
Hours		0
Fall		
Elective course ^f		4
Elective course ^f		4
Hours		8
Spring		
Elective course ^f		4

Elective course ^f		4
Hours		8
Fourth Year		
Fall		
POLI:7910	PhD Dissertation	3
Hours		3
Spring		
Comprehensive Exam ^h		
POLI:7910	PhD Dissertation	3
Hours		3
Fifth Year		
Fall		
POLI:7910	PhD Dissertation	1
Hours		1
Spring		
POLI:7910	PhD Dissertation	1
Final Exam ⁱ		1
Hours		1
Total Hours		72

a Five fields of study are available: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, formal theory, and research methods.

b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c A graduate student's Graduate College Program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements.

d Must earn grade of B or better.

e Choose from POLI:5100, POLI:5400, POLI:5500, POLI:5700.

f Includes field of study concentration coursework selected from core or advanced graduate courses in the department; may take up to 12 s.h. of readings courses, research, and thesis credit. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.

g Must be completed by end of the third year; students choose three fields of study for qualifying examinations.

h Includes oral defense of dissertation proposal and must be completed by spring semester of the fourth year.

i Dissertation defense.