

# 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
<b>Academic Career</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
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. <sup>a, b</sup>		
Students must maintain a Graduate College program GPA of 3.40 or higher. <sup>c</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:5000	Introduction to Political Analysis	4
POLI:5001	Introductory Methodology <sup>d</sup>	4
Field Seminar course <sup>e</sup>		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POLI:5003	Intermediate Methodology <sup>d</sup>	4
Field Seminar course <sup>e</sup>		4
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLI:7003	Advanced Methodology <sup>d</sup>	4
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		4
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		4
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Any Semester</b>		
Qualifying Exams <sup>g</sup>		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		4
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Elective course <sup>f</sup>		4

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

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.