

Political Science B.A. and B.S. Fall 2016 and after

Requirements:

A. Foundation, 3 s.h.

Complete *the* following:

__POLI:1100 Introduction to American Politics

B. Introductory Courses, 12 s.h.

Choose *four* of the following

- __POLI:1001 Introduction to Politics
- __POLI:1002 Lawyers in the American Political System
- __POLI:1050 Big Ideas: Intro to Info and Society
- __POLI:1200 Introduction to Political Behavior
- __POLI:1300 Introduction to Political Thought & Action
- __POLI:1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics
- __POLI:1401 Intro to the Politics Russia & Eurasia
- __POLI:1410 Intro to Asian International Relations
- __POLI:1445 Introduction to Asian Politics: China
- __POLI:1500 Introduction to International Relations
- __POLI:1501 Introduction to American Foreign Policy
- __POLI:1600 Introduction to Political Communication
- __POLI:1601 Introduction to Social Media & Politics
- __POLI:1700 Introduction to Political Analysis
- __POLI:1800 Intro to Politics of Class and Inequality
- __POLI:1900 Introduction to the Politics of Race
- __POLI:1950 Introduction to the Politics of Religion

C. Advanced Coursework, 21 s.h.

Advanced coursework in political science numbered 2000 and above, typically 7 courses)

D. For B.S. ONLY.

The 21 s.h. advanced coursework noted in requirement "C" above *must* include:

__POLI:3000 Analyzing Political Data **AND**
__POLI:4701 Undergraduate Research Tutorial, **OR**
an approved equivalent

Choose *one* set:

Set 1:

__MATH:1380 Calc & Matrix Algebra for Business, **or**
MATH:1550 Engineering Mathematics I, **or**
MATH:1850 Calculus I
__STAT:4143 Introduction to Statistical Methods.
__STAT:6513 Intermediate Statistical Methods

Set 2:

__MATH:1850 Calculus I, **or** MATH:1550 Engineering
Mathematics I
__MATH:1860 Calculus II, **or** MATH:1560
Engineering Mathematics II
__STAT:4143 Introduction to Statistical Method

Total Hours Required for the Political Science Major:

B.A. - 36 s.h.

B.S. - 45 s.h.

Honors in the major:

To graduate with honors in political science students must maintain at least a 3.5 UI GPA and a 3.5 major GPA. In addition, students must take POLI: 4000 Honors Seminar on the Study of Politics, complete either POLI:4600 Honors Research Project or POLI: 4601 Honors Senior Thesis, and engage in one experiential learning experience (internship, study abroad, and some coursework may be approved). *Courses taken to fulfill requirements for honors in the major count toward Requirement "C" above.*

Political Science Emphasis Areas—not required; students may complete up to two:

- American institutions
- Identity Politics
- Political Behavior
- Politics of Foreign Countries
- International Relations
- Political Communication
- Political Theory

For more information: <https://clas.uiowa.edu/polisci/undergraduate/emphasis-areas-political-science>

Academic Advising for Political Science and International Relations

Advising for first-year students

First-year students and those with less than 30 s.h. earned are advised at the Academic Advising Center. The Center's team of advisors specializes in transitioning students to academic and student life at Iowa. Working with an assigned caseload, the advisors help each student plan for a successful academic start at Iowa.

Advising during sophomore through senior years

Martha Kirby and Andy Tinkham serve as academic advisors for Political Science students who have earned at least 30 s.h. They are available to assist students with all aspects of their academic life at Iowa, including add/drop forms, course registration, academic probation, transfer course review, comprehensive plans of study through graduation, and more.

In addition, students are encouraged, by their junior year, to choose a faculty advisor. Students with a faculty advisor will continue to see Martha Kirby or Andy Tinkham for routine advising functions, while the faculty advisor is available to serve as a mentor in the discipline, providing guidance for research projects, graduate school planning, supervision of off-site internships, and more.

Honors Advising

Students interested in graduating with honors are encouraged to consult with the Department of Political Science Faculty Honors Advisor. Professor John Nelson is available to discuss ways in which honors students may enhance their undergraduate education through research and other high impact academic activities.

Special Opportunities for students

- Internships
- Career Workshops
- Departmental Scholarships
- Research with Faculty
- Study Abroad
- Living Learning Community

Popular Co-Curricular Activities for Political Science/International Relations Students

- Undergraduate Political Science Association
- Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law Fraternity)
- Political/Campaign Volunteering
- Local non-profit organizations
- Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honors Society)
- Politically-affiliated student organizations
- Internationally-themed student organizations

Careers with a Political Science or International Relations Major

- Campaigns and Elections
- Foreign Service
- Political Action Organizations
- Public Policy Research
- Law School
- Local, State, and Federal Government Administration
- Peace Corps
- Business (Banking, Real Estate, Insurance, Mgmt)
- Journalism
- Grad School (PhD, MPA, MPP, MPH, Urban Planning)

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