

POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)

The B.A. degree emphasizes a traditional liberal arts education including a 16-credit foreign language requirement. Political Science majors must have a minimum of 36 credits in Political Science courses with at least 18 of those credits coming in upper-division courses. The course work also includes the university requirements (see regulation J-3 (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/general-requirements-academic-procedures/j-general-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#j3>)), the general requirements for the B.A. degree (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/>), and:

Code	Title	Hours
Political Science Core Requirements		
POLS 101	American National Government	3
POLS 235	Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
Select three introductory courses:		9
POLS 205	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 208	Introduction to Political Philosophy	
POLS 209	Introduction to American Politics and Policy	
POLS 237	Introduction to International Politics	
Senior Seminar		
POLS 490	Senior Experience (Requires Senior standing or 24 credit hours in political science.)	3
Additional Political Science Upper Division Requirements		
Select 18 credits from the following areas: ¹		18
<i>American Political Institutions & Behavior</i>		
POLS 331	American Political Parties and Elections	
POLS 332	American Congress	
POLS 333	American Political Culture	
POLS 437	American Presidency	
POLS 471	Federalism in Practice	
POLS 474	Public Opinion and Political Behavior	
<i>Public Administration and Public Policy</i>		
POLS 338	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 364	Politics of the Environment	
POLS 439	Public Policy	
POLS 451	Public Administration	
POLS 462	Natural Resource Policy	
<i>International and Comparative Politics</i>		
POLS 381	European Politics	
POLS 410	Game Theory	
POLS 420	Introduction to Asian Politics	
POLS 423	Politics, Policy and Gender	
POLS 440	International Organizations and International Law	
POLS 449	World Politics and War	
POLS 480	Politics of Development	
POLS 487	Political Violence and Revolution	
<i>Public Law</i>		
POLS 467	Constitutional Law	
POLS 468	Civil Liberties	
<i>Political Philosophy</i>		
PHIL 427	History of Political Philosophy II	
POLS 428	American Political Thought	

Upper-Division Related Fields

Select 20 credits from related fields ²	20
Total Hours	56

Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

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Students may focus their interests in political science by choosing among courses in the following core areas. The allocation of those courses is subject to the approval of the faculty advisor. A maximum of 6 credits of political science internship and/or directed study courses may be counted toward meeting these political science credit requirements.

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Courses chosen depending on student interest in consultation with your advisor.

Thesis and internship credits cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

Fall Term 1		Hours
POLS 101	American National Government	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
Mathematical Ways of Knowing Course		3
Oral Communication Course		3
Scientific Ways of Knowing Course		4
Hours		16
Spring Term 1		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course		3
Elective Course		3
POLS 205 OR POLS 208 OR POLS 209 OR POLS 237		3
POLS 205 OR POLS 208 OR POLS 209 OR POLS 237		3
Hours		15
Fall Term 2		
POLS 235	Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
Scientific Ways of Knowing Course		4
POLS 205 OR POLS 208 OR POLS 209 OR POLS 237		3
CHIN 101 OR FREN 101 OR GERM 101 OR JAPN 101 OR AIST 101 OR SPAN 101		4
Hours		14
Spring Term 2		
Elective Course		1
Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
CHIN 102 OR FREN 102 OR GERM 102 OR JAPN 102 OR AIST 102 OR SPAN 102		4
Hours		14
Fall Term 3		
Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
Elective Course		2
CHIN 201 OR FREN 201 OR GERM 201 OR JAPN 201 OR SPAN 201		4
Hours		15
Spring Term 3		
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course		3
CHIN 202 OR FREN 202 OR GERM 202 OR JAPN 202 OR SPAN 202		4
Hours		16
Fall Term 4		
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
Related Field, Major Elective Course		3

Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.A. Course Requirement	3
B.A. Course Requirement	3
Hours	15
Spring Term 4	
POLS 490 Senior Experience	3
Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.A. Course Requirement	3
Elective Course	3
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

The degree map is a guide for the timely completion of your curricular requirements. Your academic advisor or department may be contacted for assistance in interpreting this map. This map is not reflective of your academic history or transcript and it is not official notification of completion of degree or certificate requirements. Please contact the Registrar's Office regarding your official degree/certificate completion status.

1. Students exhibit knowledge of diverse positions in comparative politics, political behavior, political philosophy, public policy, and international politics.
2. Students can critically assess texts and arguments about political topics.
3. Students can design and execute a research project using the appropriate method for investigating their thesis.