

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 1101	American National Government	3
POLS 2350	Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
Select three introductory courses:		9
POLS 2050	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 2080	Introduction to Political Philosophy	
POLS 2090	Introduction to American Politics and Policy	
POLS 2370	Introduction to International Politics	
Senior Seminar		
POLS 4900	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 3310	American Political Parties and Elections	
POLS 3320	American Congress	
POLS 3330	American Political Culture	
POLS 4370	American Presidency	
POLS 4710	Federalism in Practice	
POLS 4740	Public Opinion and Political Behavior	
<i>Public Administration and Public Policy</i>		
POLS 3380	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 3640	Politics of the Environment	
POLS 4390	Public Policy	
POLS 4510	Public Administration	
POLS 4620	Natural Resource Policy	
<i>International and Comparative Politics</i>		
POLS 3810	European Politics	
POLS 4100	Game Theory	
POLS 4200	Introduction to Asian Politics	
POLS 4230	Politics, Policy and Gender	
POLS 4400	International Organizations and International Law	
POLS 4490	World Politics and War	
POLS 4800	Politics of Development	
POLS 4870	Political Violence and Revolution	
<i>Public Law</i>		
POLS 4670	Constitutional Law	
POLS 4680	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
<i>Political Philosophy</i>		
PHIL 4270	Contemporary Political Philosophy	
Upper-Division Related Fields		

Select 20 credits from related fields ²	20
Total Hours	56

Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

¹ 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.

² 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 1101 American National Government	3
ENGL 1101 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 1102 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course	3
Elective Course	3
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
Hours	15
Fall Term 2	
POLS 2350 Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
Scientific Ways of Knowing Course	4
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
CHIN 1010 OR FREN 1101 OR GERM 1101 OR JAPN 1010 OR AIST 1010 OR SPAN 1101	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 1020 OR FREN 1102 OR GERM 1102 OR JAPN 1020 OR SPAN 1102	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 2010 OR FREN 2010 OR GERM 2010 OR JAPN 2010 OR SPAN 2010	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 2020 OR FREN 2020 OR GERM 2020 OR JAPN 2020 OR SPAN 2020	4
Hours	16
Fall Term 4	
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
Related Field, Major Elective Course	3

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Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.A. Course Requirement	3
B.A. Course Requirement	3
Hours	15
Spring Term 4	
POLS 4900 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.