POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.S.)

The B.S. degree requires increased course work in behavioral research methods. Political Science majors must have a minimum of 39 credits in Political Science courses with at least 21 of those credits coming in upper-division courses. Coursework also includes the university requirements (see regulation J-3 ([https://catalog.uidaho.edu/general-requirements-academic-procedures/j-general-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#j3](https://catalog.uidaho.edu/general-requirements-academic-procedures/j-general-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#j3)), the general requirements for the B.S. degree, and:

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Select three introductory courses:
- 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

**Political Science Core Requirements**

Select 18 credits from the following areas:

**American Political Institutions and Behavior**
- 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

**Public Administration and Public Policy**
- POLS 338 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 364 Politics of the Environment
- POLS 439 Public Policy
- POLS 451 Public Administration
- POLS 462 Natural Resource Policy

**International and Comparative Politics**
- 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

**Public Law**
- POLS 467 Constitutional Law
- POLS 468 Civil Liberties

**Political Philosophy**
- PHIL 427 History of Political Philosophy II
- POLS 428 American Political Thought

**Courses in upper-division related fields**
- Select 20 credits depending on student interest and in consultation with advisor

**Additional research methods course**
- Select one additional research methods course in consultation with advisor

**Total Hours**

**Courses to total 120 credits for this degree**

1. Thesis and internship credits cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.
2. One additional research methods, math, or science course chosen in consultation with your advisor.

### Fall Term 1
- POLS 101 American National Government
- ENGL 101 Writing and Rhetoric I
- Oral Communication Course
- Mathematical Ways of Knowing Course
- Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course
- Total Hours: 15

### Spring Term 1
- ENGL 102 Writing and Rhetoric Ii
- Scientific Ways of Knowing Course
- Elective Course
- Total Hours: 15

### Fall Term 2
- POLS 235 Political Research Methods and Approaches
- Scientific Ways of Knowing Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- B.S. Course Requirement
- Total Hours: 15

### Spring Term 2
- Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course
- International Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course
- Elective Course
- Total Hours: 15

### Fall Term 3
- UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- Research Methods, Major Elective Course
- Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course
- Total Hours: 15

### Spring Term 3
- UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- B.S. Course Requirement
- Elective Course
- Total Hours: 15

### Fall Term 4
- UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course
- UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course
- B.S. Course Requirement
- Total Hours: 15
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.