

# 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>)), the general requirements for the B.S. degree, and:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Political Science Core Requirements</b>		
POLS 1101	American National Government	3
POLS 2350	Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
POLS 4900	Senior Experience (Requires Senior standing or 24 credit hours in political science.)	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	
<b>Additional Political Science Upper Division Requirements</b>		
Select 18 credits from the following areas: <sup>1</sup>		18
<i>American Political Institutions and 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	
<b>Courses in upper-division related fields</b>		
Select 20 credits depending on student interest and in consultation with advisor <sup>1</sup>		20

## Additional research methods course

Select one additional research methods course in consultation with advisor <sup>2</sup> 3

**Total Hours** 59

## Courses to total 120 credits for this degree

<sup>1</sup> Thesis and internship credits cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> One additional research methods, math, or science course chosen in consultation with your advisor.

Fall Term 1	Hours
POLS 1101 American National Government	3
ENGL 1101 Writing and Rhetoric I	3
Oral Communication Course	3
Mathematical Ways of Knowing Course	3
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>	
ENGL 1102 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
Scientific Ways of Knowing Course	4
Elective Course	2
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>	
POLS 2350 Political Research Methods and Approaches	3
Scientific Ways of Knowing Course	4
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.S. Course Requirement	3
POLS 2050 OR POLS 2080 OR POLS 2090 OR POLS 2370	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing Course	3
International Course	3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fall Term 3</b>	
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
Research Methods, Major Elective Course	3
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Term 3</b>	
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.S. Course Requirement	3
Elective Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fall Term 4</b>	
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course	3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course	3
B.S. Course Requirement	3
Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

2 Political Science (B.S.)

**Spring Term 4**

POLS 4900	Senior Experience	3
UPDV Political Science, Major Elective Course		3
UPDV Related Field, Major Elective Course		3
B.S. Course Requirement		3
Elective Course		2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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.