

Department of Political Science

(College of Social and Behavioral Sciences)

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The Department of Political Science offers the following undergraduate programs and program certificates. Specific requirements for these programs are listed within this Department of Political Science section in the following order:

Undergraduate Majors (B.A.)

- Political Communication (also listed in Department of Communication Studies)
- Political Science-Liberal Arts
- Public Administration

Minors

- International Affairs-Liberal Arts
- Political Science-Liberal Arts
- Politics and Law

Graduate Majors (M.P.P.)

- Master of Public Policy

Program Certificates

- International Peace and Security
- Graduate Certificate in Public Administration
- Public Personnel & Human Resources
- State and Local Government

Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs

Political Communication Major

The Political Communication major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

Required core

Communication Studies:		
COMM 4211/5211 (48C:123g)	Rhetoric and Civic Culture	3
COMM 4216/5216 (48C:160g)	Political Communication	3
or POL AMER 4160/5160	Political Communication	
COMM 4444/5444 (48C:155g)	Communication, Community, and Change	3
COMM COR 1010 (48J:002)	Mass Communication and Society	3
Political Science:		
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics*	3
POL AMER 3112 (942:112)	Campaigns and Elections	3
POL AMER 3150 (942:150)	Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	3

Methodology:

Select one of the following from Communication Studies/Political Science: 3

COMM COR 2020 (48C:080) Communication Research Methods*

COMM 4023/5023 (48C:189g) Rhetorical Research Methods*

POL GEN 2010 (940:010) Analyzing Politics

Internship in Communication Studies/Political Science: 3

COMM 3900/5900 (48C:197g) Internship in Communication

POL GEN 3181 (940:181) Internship in Politics*

Electives (choose two courses from Communication Studies and two courses from Political Science from the following list): 12

Communication Studies:

COMM 2257 (48C:074) Argumentation and Debate*

COMM 3055 (48C:132) Organizational Communication*

COMM 4217/5217 (48C:176g) Freedom of Speech

COMM 4218 (48C:178) Persuasion

COMM 4333/5333 (48C:148g) Communication and Conflict Management*

COMM 4344/5344 (48C:151g) Intercultural Communication

COMM 4446/5446 (48C:113g) Social Protest: Performance and Rhetoric

COMM 4544/5544 (48C:120g) Digital Culture and Communication

COMM DM 1611 Digital Media Literacies

COMM DM 4612/5612 Digital Media: Processes and Effects

COMM DM 4630/5630 Journalism, Law, and Ethics

COMM DM 4644/5644 Global Mass Communication Systems

COMM PR 1811 (48P:005) Principles of Public Relations*

Political Science:

POL AMER 2131 (942:131) American State Politics

POL AMER 3132 (942:132) Community Politics

POL AMER 3134 (942:134) Legislative Politics*

POL AMER 3144 (942:144) Civil Rights and Liberties

POL AMER 3151 (942:151) Modern Presidency*

POL AMER 3166 (942:166) Political Parties and Interest Groups*

POL AMER 4143/5143 (942:143g) Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement

POL AMER 4177/5177 (942:177g) Political Psychology

POL INTL 3126 (943:126) Human Rights

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POL INTL 3143 (943:143)	International Law	
Total Hours		39

- * *Choice of courses and subsequent prerequisites may increase the length of this program. These courses have additional prerequisites as follows:
- POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
- COMM COR 2020 (48C:080), COMM 2257 (48C:074), and COMM 3055 (48C:132) have prerequisite of COMM 1000 (48C:001). COMM 1000 (48C:001) satisfies Category 1B of the Liberal Arts Core.
- POL GEN 3181 (940:181) has prerequisites of POL GEN 2010 (940:010); 15 hours of Political Science, Political Communication, or Public Administration major.
- COMM 4023/5023 (48C:189g) has prerequisite of COMM COR 2020 (48C:080) but will be waived for Political Communication majors.
- COMM 4333/5333 (48C:148g) has a prerequisite of COMM 2344 (48C:004).
- COMM DM 4612/5612 has prerequisite of COMM COR 2020 or consent of instructor.
- COMM DM 4644/5644 has prerequisite of COMM COR 1010 (48J:002).
- COMM PR 1811 (48P:005) has prerequisites of COMM 1000 (48C:001) and ENGLISH 1005 (620:005). COMM 1000 (48C:001) satisfies Category 1B of the Liberal Arts Core.
- POL AMER 3134 (942:134), POL AMER 3151 (942:151), and POL AMER 3166 (942:166) have prerequisite of POL AMER 1014 (942:014). POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.

Political Science Major-Liberal Arts

The Political Science-Liberal Arts major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

Required

Political Science:		
POL GEN 2010 (940:010)	Analyzing Politics	3
POL THRY 1050 (941:050)	Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Justice and Power	3
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics *	3
POL INTL 1024 (943:024)	International Relations *	3
POL COMP 1040 (944:040)	Comparative Politics	3
Students must take at least one upper-level course in each of the four sub-fields of political science:		
Political Theory [POL THRY 3xxx/4xxx (941:1xx)]		3
American Politics [POL AMER 3xxx/4xxx (942:1xx)]		3
International Relations [POL INTL 3xxx/4xxx (943:1xx)]		3
Comparative Politics [POL COMP 3xxx/4xxx (944:1xx)]		3
Students must take one Senior Seminar in Political Science:		
POL GEN 3184 (940:184)	Senior Seminar in Political Science	3

Electives in political science (POL AMER, POL COMP, POL GEN, POL INTL, POL THRY)	9
Total Hours	39

Note: Not more than 9 semester hours of political science taken within the International Affairs minor or Politics and Law minor may also be counted for credit on this major.

- * POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core. POL INTL 1024 (943:024) satisfies Category 5C of the Liberal Arts Core.

Public Administration Major

The Public Administration major requires a minimum of 120 total hours to graduate. This total includes Liberal Arts Core requirements and the following specified major requirements, plus electives to complete the minimum of 120 hours.

Required

Political Science:

POL GEN 2010 (940:010)	Analyzing Politics	3
POL GEN 3111 (940:111)	Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science	3
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics *	3
POL AMER 1048 (942:048)	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172)	Public Budgeting *	3
POL AMER 3174 (942:174)	Public Personnel Administration *	3
POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g)	Public Organizations *	3
POL AMER 4173 (942:173g)	The Public Policy Process *	3
POL AMER 4188/5188 (942:188g)	Seminar in Public Administration *	3

Internship:

POL GEN 3181 (940:181)	Internship in Politics *	3-8
Electives: Select at least 6 hours of the following:		6

Political Science:

POL AMER 2131 (942:131)	American State Politics	
POL AMER 3112 (942:112)	Campaigns and Elections	
POL AMER 3132 (942:132)	Community Politics	
POL AMER 3151 (942:151)	Modern Presidency *	
POL AMER 4130/5130 (942:130g)	Iowa Politics	
POL AMER 4176/5176 (942:176g)	Topics in Public Policy	

Economics:

ECON 1041 (920:053)	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 1051 (920:054)	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 3221/5221 (920:117g)	Public Finance *	
ECON 3229/5229 (920:125g)	Cost-Benefit Analysis *	
ECON 3245/5245 (920:136g)	International Economics *	

ECON 3253/5253 (920:148g) Urban and Regional Economics*	
Total Hours	36-41

* These courses have additional prerequisites as follows:
 POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
 POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172), POL AMER 3174 (942:174), POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g) and POL AMER 4173 (942:173g) have prerequisites of POL AMER 1014 (942:014) and POL AMER 1048 (942:048).
 POL AMER 4188/5188 (942:188g) has a prerequisite of POL AMER 1048 (942:048).
 POL GEN 3181 (940:181) has prerequisites of POL GEN 2010 (940:010); 15 hours of Political Science; Political Science, Political Communication, or Public Administration major; junior standing and consent of department.
 POL AMER 3151 (942:151) has a prerequisite of POL AMER 1014 (942:014).
 ECON 3221/5221 (920:117g), ECON 3229/5229 (920:125g), ECON 3245/5245 (920:136g) and ECON 3253/5253 (920:148g) have prerequisites of ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054). **Both** ECON 1041 (920:053) **and** ECON 1051 (920:054) may substitute for *ECON 1031 (920:024)* which will satisfy Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
 ECON 1051 (920:054) has prerequisite of ECON 1041 (920:053).

Minors

International Affairs Minor-Liberal Arts

The International Affairs minor is composed of 21 hours in political science and related disciplines. The requirements are as follows:

Required

Political Science:		
POL INTL 1024 (943:024)	International Relations*	3
POL COMP 1040 (944:040)	Comparative Politics	3
Select at least two of the following:		6
Political Science:		
POL COMP 3121 (944:121)	Terrorism and Insurgency	
POL COMP 3123 (944:123)	Nationalism	
POL COMP 3125 (944:125)	Politics of Nonviolence	
POL INTL 3120 (943:120)	International Security	
POL INTL 3126 (943:126)	Human Rights	
POL INTL 3127 (943:127)	United States Foreign Policy	
POL INTL 3143 (943:143)	International Law	
POL INTL 3145 (943:145)	International Organizations	
POL INTL 4119/5119 (943:119g)	Politics of the Global Economy	
POL INTL 4125/5125 (943:125g)	North-South Relations	
Economics: ^		
ECON 3245/5245 (920:136g)	International Economics ^	
Select at least one of the following:		3

Political Science:		
POL COMP 3135 (944:135)	Politics in Europe	
POL COMP 3162 (944:162)	Politics of East Asia	
POL COMP 3164 (944:164)	Russian and Eurasian Politics	
POL COMP 3165 (944:165)	African Politics	
POL COMP 3167 (944:167)	Latin American Politics	
Select two of the following, any additional electives from the courses listed above, or those listed below: **		6
Communication:		
COMM 4344/5344 (48C:151g)	Intercultural Communication	
Journalism:		
COMM DM 4644/5644	Global Mass Communication Systems	
French:		
FREN 3011/5011 (720:111g)	Business French ^	
FREN 4014/5014 (720:114g)	The World of French Business ^	
FREN 4021/5021 (720:121g)	Special Topics in Language and Culture ^	
Spanish:		
SPAN 3020 (780:120)	Latin American Culture and Civilization ^	
SPAN 3023 (780:123)	Culture and Civilization of Spain ^	
Economics: ^		
ECON 3249/5249 (920:143g)	Economic Development ^	
ECON 3261/5261 (920:175g)	International Financial Economics ^	
History:		
HISEUB 4520/5520 (963:160g)	Europe from World War I to the Present	
HISEUB 4620/5620 (963:174g)	History of Modern France	
HISEUB 4630/5630 (963:172g)	History of Germany Since 1648	
HISEUB 4660/5660 (963:169g)	History of Imperial Russia	
HISEUB 4670/5670 (963:170g)	History of Soviet Russia	
HISEUB 4675/5675 (963:157g)	Great Power Diplomacy from the Congress of Vienna to the Present	
HISEUB 4680/5680 (963:154g)	Military History from Napoleon to the Present	
HISNW 4720/5720 (964:180g)	Modern Latin American History	
HISNW 4740/5740 (964:175g)	Modern African History	
HISNW 4840/5840 (964:182g)	Modern South Asia	
HISNW 4860/5860 (964:187g)	Modern Chinese History	
Geography:		

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GEOG 4150/5150 (970:141g) Regional Geography: (Variable Topic)	
Sociology/Anthropology:	
SOC 3001 (980:177) or ANTH 3001 (990:177)	Language and Culture [^] Language and Culture
Total hours ^{***}	21

- * POL INTL 1024 (943:024) satisfies Category 5C of the Liberal Arts Core.
- ** This requirement may also be met by an internship approved by the Department of Political Science. Furthermore, students who have successfully completed four semesters at the college level of any foreign language, with at least a 2.00 GPA, or demonstrate an equivalent competency level can apply three credit hours toward the fulfillment of this requirement.
- *** No more than 9 hours of political science for this minor can also be counted toward a major in political science.
- [^] These courses have additional prerequisites as follows: COMM DM 4644/5644 has prerequisite of COMM COR 1010 (48J:002). FREN 3011/5011 (720:111g), FREN 4014/5014 (720:114g), and FREN 4021/5021 (720:121g) have prerequisite of FREN 3001/5001 (720:101g). SPAN 3020 (780:120) and SPAN 3023 (780:123) have prerequisite of SPAN 3001 (780:101) or SPAN 3050/5050 (780:150g). ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054) are prerequisites to all 100/2000/3000/4000-level economics courses. Either *ECON 1031 (920:024)* or **both** ECON 1041 (920:053) **and** ECON 1051 (920:054) will satisfy Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core. SOC 3001 (980:177)/ANTH 3001 (990:177) and ANTH 3441/5441 (990:162g) have prerequisite of *SOC 1000 (980:001)* or *ANTH 1002 (990:011)*, either of which will satisfy Category 5A of the Liberal Arts Core.

Note: Choice of courses and subsequent course prerequisites may increase the length of this program.

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Required

Political Science:		
POL GEN 2010 (940:010)	Analyzing Politics	3
POL THRY 1050 (941:050)	Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Justice and Power	3
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics [*]	3
POL INTL 1024 (943:024)	International Relations [*]	3
POL COMP 1040 (944:040)	Comparative Politics	3
Electives in political science (POL AMER, POL COMP, POL GEN, POL INTL, POL THRY)		3
Total Hours		18

- * POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core. POL INTL 1024 (943:024) satisfies Category 5C of the Liberal Arts Core.

Note: Not more than 9 semester hours of political science taken within the International Affairs minor or Politics and Law minor may also be counted for credit on a political science major or minor.

Politics and Law Minor

The Politics and Law minor is intended to provide students with a general understanding of American legal institutions and how these institutions interact and influence our policy. The program equips students with a facility in legal reasoning and logic.

Required

Political Science:		
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics [*]	3
POL AMER 3141 (942:141)	Constitutional Law	3
POL AMER 3146 (942:146)	Law and Politics	3
Philosophy:		
PHIL 1030 (650:045)	Elementary Logic	3
Select two of the following:		6
Management:		
MGMT 3905/5905 (150:105g)	Employment and Labor Law [^]	
Political Science:		
POL AMER 3144 (942:144)	Civil Rights and Liberties	
POL AMER 2147	Law and the Courts	
Criminology:		
CRIM 2022 (982:022)	Criminal Justice System [^]	
Select one of the following:		3
Management:		
MGMT 3101 (150:101)	Business Law	
Psychology:		
PSYCH 2302 (400:070)	Psychology and Law [^]	
Philosophy:		
PHIL 3320 (650:172)	Society, Politics, and the Person	
Economics:		
ECON 3231/5231 (920:128g)	Law and Economics [^]	
Political Science:		
POL THRY 3129 (941:129)	American Political Thought	
POL AMER 4142/5142 (942:142g)	Problems in Juvenile and Family Law	
POL INTL 3143 (943:143)	International Law	
Criminology:		
CRIM 2232 (982:132)	Juvenile Justice [^]	
CRIM 4228/5228 (982:128g)	Law and Society [^]	
CRIM 4331/5331 (982:131g)	Women, Crime and Society [^]	
Total Hours		21

Note: Not more than 9 semester hours of political science for this minor can count toward a major in political science.

Note: Choice of courses and subsequent course prerequisites may increase the length of this program.

- * POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts core.

^ These courses have additional prerequisites as follows: MGMT 3905/5905 (150:105g) has prerequisite of MGMT 3100 (150:100) or MGMT 3101 (150:101) or equivalent. CRIM 2022 (982:022) and CRIM 4228/5228 (982:128g) have prerequisite of *SOC 1000 (980:001)*, which will satisfy Category 5A of the Liberal Arts Core. PSYCH 2302 (400:070) has prerequisite of *PSYCH 1001 (400:001)*, which will satisfy Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core. ECON 3231/5231 (920:128g) has prerequisite of ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054). Satisfactory completion of **both** ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054) will satisfy Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core. CRIM 2232 (982:132) and CRIM 4331/5331 (982:131g) have prerequisites of SOC 1000 (980:001) and CRIM 2022 (982:022). SOC 1000 (980:001) will satisfy Category 5A of the Liberal Arts Core.

Master of Public Policy Degree Program

The Master of Public Policy is a professional interdisciplinary degree program providing specialized and advanced training for students wishing to assume roles as policy analysts, principally in the governmental and nonprofit sectors of society. Courses are offered using a combination of Adobe Connect and online via eLearning.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNiverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Political Science for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at <http://www.grad.uni.edu/admission>. Complete undergraduate transcripts are also required for admission review.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

Courses in the program provide thorough coverage of the contributions of political science and other disciplines to the analysis of public policy including methods courses that provide training in the rigorous aspects of policy analysis and evaluation required of professionals in the field. Topical courses allow students to develop an understanding of substantive areas of policy analysis. Research requirements allow students to apply theory and methods to actual policy problems.

Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.

Admission to the M.P.P. program is competitive. Entering students are expected to have acquired introductory level knowledge, from their undergraduate training, of statistical methods, micro-economics, and American governmental process. Courses are available outside the degree program in these programs. Students who lack such background should consult with the graduate program coordinator.

The M.P.P. is available on the **non-thesis** option only, and requires **34-37 semester hours. A minimum of 13 hours of 200/6000-level course work is required.** The 3 credit hours of internship may be waived with sufficient work experience as determined by the graduate

program coordinator. As part of PUBPOL 6299, students must defend their research to the instructor and reader.

Required

Public Policy:		
PUBPOL 6201	Politics and Public Policy	3
PUBPOL 6260 (950:260)	Policy Analysis: Methods and Approaches	3
PUBPOL 6204	Program Evaluation in Public Policy	3
or ECON 3229/5229 (920:125g)	Cost-Benefit Analysis	
PUBPOL 6275 (950:275)	Quantitative Methods for Politics and Policy	3
PUBPOL 6285 (950:285)	Readings in Public Policy	1
PUBPOL 6299 Research		
Economics:		
POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172)	Public Budgeting	3
or ECON 3221/5221 (920:117g)	Public Finance	
Political Science:		
POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g)	Public Organizations	3
POL AMER 4176/5176 (942:176g)	Topics in Public Policy (enroll 3 times)	9
History:		
HIST 6020 (960:225)	History and U.S. Public Policy	3
Internship:		
PUBPOL 6281 (950:281)	Internship in Public Policy *	3
Total hours (if internship waived)		34
Total hours		37

* Students who are already working in the public sector or have significant public sector experience will have this requirement waived upon approval by the Graduate Coordinator.

Topics in Public Policy explores the latest developments in the field of public policy research. Ongoing policy issues may be used as examples to illustrate theoretical developments or to introduce applications of course material. Must be repeated three times under different topics.

Program Certificates

The University of Northern Iowa makes available, in addition to traditional programs, the opportunity for students to earn program certificates. Program certificates provide an alternative to programs leading to a degree, a major, or a minor; they certify that an individual has completed a program approved by the university. For information on the following program certificates, contact the Department of Political Science or the Office of the Registrar, which serves as the centralized registry.

Certificate in International Peace and Security

The Certificate in International Peace and Security is designed to provide a specialized and in-depth knowledge of theories, concepts and evidence about issues of conflict and peace in world politics. Students will develop analytical and practical skills on matters of diplomacy and conflict resolution, coupled with a breadth of understanding about contemporary issues, about the different types and forms of international violence that exist, as well as the causes of and solutions to such conflict.

If your career goals are in foreign service, public or private sector conflict mediation, international business and risk assessment, homeland security or military service, this certificate program will be an invaluable benefit to your education. Any student seeking advanced study in international security, or who wishes to foster peace and understand war, is eligible and will find this intensive program rewarding.

Required

International Relations core:		
POL INTL 1024 (943:024)	International Relations *	3
POL INTL 3120 (943:120)	International Security	3

Electives

Select a minimum of 9 hours from the following: 9

Communication:		
COMM 4344/5344 (48C:151g)	Intercultural Communication	
International Relations:		
POL INTL 3127 (943:127)	United States Foreign Policy	
POL INTL 3143 (943:143)	International Law	
POL INTL 3145 (943:145)	International Organizations	
Comparative Politics:		
POL COMP 3121 (944:121)	Terrorism and Insurgency	
POL COMP 3125 (944:125)	Politics of Nonviolence	
History:		
HISEUB 4675/5675 (963:157g)	Great Power Diplomacy from the Congress of Vienna to the Present	
HISEUB 4680/5680 (963:154g)	Military History from Napoleon to the Present	
Sociology:		
SOC 3090 (980:102)	Conflict Resolution	
Total Hours		15

* POL INTL 1024 (943:024) satisfies Category 5C of the Liberal Arts Core.

Graduate Certificate in Public Administration

The Graduate Certificate in Public Administration is designed for public policy professionals who may desire an added credential that would be helpful for career advancement. The certificate is embedded in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. However, students do not have to be enrolled in the MPP program in order to register for and complete courses for the certificate. The certificate can be completed in three semesters and all courses are taught online by full time faculty in the Department of Political Science.

Required:		
POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172)	Public Budgeting	3
POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g)	Public Organizations	3
PUBPOL 6201	Politics and Public Policy	3
PUBPOL 6260 (950:260)	Policy Analysis: Methods and Approaches	3
PUBPOL 6275 (950:275)	Quantitative Methods for Politics and Policy	3
Total Hours		15

Certificate in Public Personnel & Human Resources

The Certificate in Public Personnel and Human Resources is designed to provide a specific set of skills to students who would like to pursue careers in public settings (federal, state, or local government) or non-profit agencies related to the management of personnel and human resources. This certificate especially compliments the Public Administration major, but is also suitable for students who want to work in public agencies such as school administration, city management, public health, social services, or public safety.

Required:

Political Science:		
POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics	3
POL AMER 1048 (942:048)	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POL AMER 3174 (942:174)	Public Personnel Administration	3
Psychology:		
PSYCH 1001 (400:001)	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 3304/5304 (400:158g)	Organizational Psychology	3
Electives (select a minimum of 3 hours from the following): 3		
Leisure, Youth, and Human Services:		
LYHS 3337 (430:154)	Human Resource Development for Leisure, Youth and Human Services	
Management:		
MGMT 3153 (150:153)	Organizational Management	
Political Science:		
POL AMER 4173 (942:173g)	The Public Policy Process	
Psychology:		
PSYCH 3305/5305 (400:157g)	Industrial Psychology	
Social Work:		
SW 4163 (450:163g)	Diversity and Difference *	
Total Hours		18

* * These courses have additional prerequisites as follows: SW 4163 (450:163g) has a prerequisite of SOC 1000 (980:001). SOC 1000 satisfies Liberal Arts Core, Category 5A requirement.

Certificate in State and Local Government

The Certificate in State and Local Government is designed to provide a specific set of skills to any student at UNI looking to work in state or local government. This certificate blends theoretical and practical knowledge to provide the flexibility to solve some of the problems facing these governments.

If your career goals include public finance, economic development, community development and planning, or state and local politics, a Certificate in State and Local Government will help link your education to your career.

A Certificate in State and Local Government will also help students who want to work in public agencies such as school administration, city management, public health, social services, or public safety.

Required

American Politics:

POL AMER 1014 (942:014)	Introduction to American Politics *	3
POL AMER 2131 (942:131)	American State Politics	3
POL AMER 3132 (942:132)	Community Politics	3
POL AMER 4130/5130 (942:130g)	Iowa Politics	3

Electives

Select minimum 3 hours from the following: 3

Economics:

ECON 3253/5253 (920:148g)	Urban and Regional Economics *
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Geography:

GEOG 4170/5170 (970:168g)	Regional Analysis and Planning
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American Politics:

POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172)	Public Budgeting *
POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g)	Public Organizations *
POL AMER 4173 (942:173g)	The Public Policy Process *

Criminology:

CRIM 4253/5253 (982:153g)	Crime and Public Policy *
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Total Hours 15

* These courses have additional prerequisites are as follows:
 POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
 ECON 3253/5253 (920:148g) has prerequisites of ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054), or consent of instructor. ECON 1041 (920:053) and ECON 1051 (920:054) are prerequisites to all 100/2000/3000/4000-level economics courses. Either *ECON 1031 (920:024)* or **both** ECON 1041 (920:053) **and** ECON 1051 (920:054) will satisfy Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
 POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172), POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g) and POL AMER 4173 (942:173g) have prerequisites of POL AMER 1014 (942:014) and POL AMER 1048 (942:048). POL AMER 1014 (942:014) satisfies Category 5B of the Liberal Arts Core.
 CRIM 4253/5253 (982:153g) has prerequisites of *SOC 1000 (980:001)* and CRIM 2022 (982:022). *SOC 1000 (980:001)* will satisfy Category 5A of the Liberal Arts Core.

Political Theory Courses

POL THRY 1050 (941:050). Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Justice and Power — 3 hrs.

Introductory course that explores some of the ideals that guide political practice, addressing questions such as: How do we know what is just, and how can justice be achieved? What does it mean to be free? What is the nature of power? Can we avoid it? If not, what can be done to control it? (Fall and Spring)

POL THRY 3129 (941:129). American Political Thought — 3 hrs.

Founding theories of American political practice (Jefferson, Madison, and others); analysis of fundamental American political ideals including rights, freedom, and equality. (Variable)

POL THRY 3160 (941:160). Classical Political Theory — 3 hrs.

The nature of justice, arguments for and against democracy, the foundations of political knowledge, and the nature of political communities, as understood by the thinkers of classical Greece. (Variable)

POL THRY 3161 (941:161). Modern Political Theory — 3 hrs.

Western political thought from Machiavelli to Nietzsche, including the philosophical foundations for the American system of government (liberal and civic republican thought). (Variable)

Politics, American Courses

POL AMER 1014 (942:014). Introduction to American Politics — 3 hrs.

Examination of the structure, organization, and powers of the institutions of American government and how citizens are linked to government through such things as political parties, interest groups, and elections. (Fall and Spring)

POL AMER 1048 (942:048). Introduction to Public Administration — 3 hrs.

Role of bureaucracy in policy making and implementation in a representative government. Theories, concepts, and selected case studies in public administration. (Fall and Spring)

POL AMER 2131 (942:131). American State Politics — 3 hrs.

Analysis of organization, functions, and operation of state and local governments. (Fall)

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POL AMER 2147. Law and the Courts — 3 hrs.

Examination of federal and state trial courts, both civil and criminal. Exploration of normative and empirical theories about the nature of the legal system and the roles of judges, lawyers, and litigants. Addresses political issues related to the civil and criminal justice systems. (Even Falls)

POL AMER 3112 (942:112). Campaigns and Elections — 3 hrs.

Systematic examination of structure and functions of modern electoral campaigns for national, state, and local offices. (Even Falls)

POL AMER 3132 (942:132). Community Politics — 3 hrs.

Introduction to structure, functions, and policies of American local government in context of economic, social, and intergovernmental forces. Prerequisite(s): sophomore standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

POL AMER 3134 (942:134). Legislative Politics — 3 hrs.

Introduction to the legislative process emphasizing the United States Congress. Focus on how Congress makes policy, and legislators' relations with constituents, parties, interest groups, and the executive and judicial branches. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Odd Falls)

POL AMER 3141 (942:141). Constitutional Law — 3 hrs.

Analysis of U.S. Supreme Court decisions and changes in doctrine over time and the political forces affecting these changes. Emphasis on the powers and constraints of the federal government, separation of powers, and federalism. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014) or POL AMER 2147 or POL AMER 3146 (942:146). (Fall)

POL AMER 3144 (942:144). Civil Rights and Liberties — 3 hrs.

Examines the Supreme Court's role in establishing and protecting individual rights and liberties from government intrusion. Emphasis on the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Includes issues of free speech, freedom of religion, discrimination, and privacy. (Spring)

POL AMER 3146 (942:146). Law and Politics — 3 hrs.

Theoretical and empirical examination of the role of appellate courts, especially the U.S. Supreme Court, within the American political system. Examination of theories of judicial decision making, the influence of politics on law and judges, and the impact of court decisions on public policy. (Spring)

POL AMER 3150 (942:150). Public Opinion and Voting Behavior — 3 hrs.

Theoretical and empirical analyses of public opinion, political attitudes, political socialization, as well as voting behavior and political participation. (Spring)

POL AMER 3151 (942:151). Modern Presidency — 3 hrs.

Examination of constitutional, electoral, administrative, and political aspects of the modern American presidency as they have evolved from FDR to the present. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Spring)

POL AMER 3166 (942:166). Political Parties and Interest Groups — 3 hrs.

Rise of interest groups and decline of parties in American political system; role of interest groups in policy process; organization and maintenance of political parties and interest groups. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014). (Variable)

POL AMER 3172/5172 (942:172). Public Budgeting — 3 hrs.

Historical development of current budgeting practices; politics of budgetary process at federal, state, and local levels; current methods of budgeting for public agencies, focusing on integration of budgeting

into program planning. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048). (Spring)

POL AMER 3174 (942:174). Public Personnel Administration — 3 hrs.

Development of current government personnel practices; contemporary issues in personnel administration; techniques of job analysis; recruitment and selection of employees; and problems of supervision and evaluation. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048). (Variable)

POL AMER 4130/5130 (942:130g). Iowa Politics — 3 hrs.

Emphasis placed on the origins of Iowa's governmental structure, the three branches of government, and its unique role in presidential politics. Will examine some of the perennial issues facing the state. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Spring)

POL AMER 4142/5142 (942:142g). Problems in Juvenile and Family Law — 3 hrs.

Aspects of juvenile and family law; how legislature and courts have developed juvenile and family law, including marriage and divorce, adoption, and competency of minors. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

POL AMER 4143/5143 (942:143g). Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement — 3 hrs.

Introduces the key issues and problems affecting citizen participation and engagement at the community and national levels. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4153/5153 (942:153g). Public Organizations — 3 hrs.

Examine the political nature, characteristics and operation of American public organizations. Analyze the internal and external factors that explain how public organizations operate. Theories and models of internal dynamics of public organizations and their role in the American political system. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Fall)

POL AMER 4160/5160. Political Communication — 3 hrs.

Study of the elements of national and/or local political communication, including the rhetoric of political campaigns, and/or the rhetoric of elected officials. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Same as COMM 4216/5216 (48C:160g)) (Fall)

POL AMER 4173 (942:173g). The Public Policy Process — 3 hrs.

Theories and models of policy process in the United States, including agenda setting, formulation, adoption, implementation, and evaluation. Application of theories and models to case studies of major policy issues. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1014 (942:014); POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Fall)

POL AMER 4176/5176 (942:176g). Topics in Public Policy — 3 hrs.

Explores the latest developments in the field of public policy research. Ongoing policy issues may be used as examples to illustrate theoretical developments or to introduce applications of course material. May be repeated under different topics. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4177/5177 (942:177g). Political Psychology — 3 hrs.

Explores the connections between psychology and political phenomena, including leadership, decision making, intergroup relations, and persuasion. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL AMER 4188/5188 (942:188g). Seminar in Public Administration — 3 hrs.

Advanced topics in public administration, such as essential and nonessential service delivery, fiscal administration, and community

development. Introduces students to issues not covered in other public administration courses. Prerequisite(s): POL AMER 1048 (942:048); junior standing. (Spring)

Politics, Comparative Courses

POL COMP 1040 (944:040). Comparative Politics — 3 hrs.

Examination of theory, methods, and problems of comparative politics with emphasis on cross-regional analysis. Use of case studies to look at such issues as political culture, parties, participation, dictatorship and democracy, economic policies and class, and racial, ethnic or religious conflict. (Fall and Spring)

POL COMP 3121 (944:121). Terrorism and Insurgency — 3 hrs.

Focus on terrorism, insurgency, and guerrilla warfare. Examination of theoretical, practical, and policy issues related to the law, ethics, motivations, conduct, and resolution of conflict between unequal and unlike groups. (Variable)

POL COMP 3123 (944:123). Nationalism — 3 hrs.

Analysis of causes, forms, and consequences of nationalist movements. Consideration of experiences of nation-states and multi-national states. Evaluation of major theoretical approaches to study of nationalist movements and application to several specific cases. (Variable)

POL COMP 3125 (944:125). Politics of Nonviolence — 3 hrs.

Analyzes theories and concrete examples of nonviolence in politics. Examines nonviolent power as a part of daily politics in most political systems and as a component of many successful movements for political change. (Variable)

POL COMP 3135 (944:135). Politics in Europe — 3 hrs.

Examination of the development of European political institutions, issues, and policies. Social democracy, the European Union, and challenges to democracy are addressed. (Variable)

POL COMP 3162 (944:162). Politics of East Asia — 3 hrs.

Comparative analysis of major East Asian countries; examination of state and nation-building processes, political institutions, and processes and policies, with emphasis on China and Japan. (Variable)

POL COMP 3164 (944:164). Russian and Eurasian Politics — 3 hrs.

Analysis of regimes and regime changes in Russia and Eurasia generally. Examination of institutions, contemporary issues, and policies in comparative context. (Variable)

POL COMP 3165 (944:165). African Politics — 3 hrs.

Examination of African politics from a political economy perspective. (Variable)

POL COMP 3167 (944:167). Latin American Politics — 3 hrs.

Analysis of democracy, authoritarianism, economic development, and social movements in the region. Emphasis on Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Peru, and Cuba. Examination of influence of U.S. hegemony and the prospects for economic integration. (Variable)

Politics, General Courses

POL GEN 1020 (940:020). Contemporary Political Problems — 3 hrs.

Analysis of selected contemporary political issues. Focus may be on local, state, national, or international level. (Fall and Spring)

POL GEN 2010 (940:010). Analyzing Politics — 3 hrs.

Political issues can be divisive, but it is necessary to develop the skills and habits of rigorous analysis in order to understand the political

phenomena around us. Students will explore various approaches to the scientific study of politics. (Fall and Spring)

POL GEN 3111 (940:111). Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Political Science — 3 hrs.

Introduction to basic statistical methods appropriate to data analysis in political science and public administration. (Fall)

POL GEN 3181 (940:181). Internship in Politics — 3-8 hrs.

Student serves as intern with government official or in public or private agency: (1) Federal; (2) State; (3) Local; (4) Intergovernmental; (5) Legal; (6) Interest Group; (7) International; and (8) Electoral. Prerequisite(s): POL GEN 2010 (940:010); 15 hours of political science; Political Science, Political Communication, or Public Administration major; junior standing and consent of department. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

POL GEN 3184 (940:184). Senior Seminar in Political Science — 3 hrs.

Examination of specific topics through application of theories and methods of political science analysis. Research papers required. Prerequisite(s): 24 credit hours of Political Science. (Fall and Spring)

POL GEN 4175/5175. Women in Politics — 3 hrs.

Theoretical, historical, and empirical studies of the role of women as political actors, policy issues affecting women, and the role of gender in shaping political attitudes and perceptions, with particular emphasis on the U.S. experience. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

POL GEN 4189/5189 (940:189g). Readings in Political Science — 1-3 hrs.

May be repeated only with consent of department. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in political science; junior standing; consent of department. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

POL GEN 4198 (940:198). Independent Study.

(Fall, Spring, Summer)

Politics, International Courses

POL INTL 1024 (943:024). International Relations — 3 hrs.

Survey of various approaches to international relations with special emphasis on application to historical and contemporary cases. (Fall and Spring)

POL INTL 3120 (943:120). International Security — 3 hrs.

Survey of the nature and causes of war, and the methods states use to achieve security. Examination of such issues as arms races, alliances, military technology, and military strategy and their relation to the politics of international relations. Analysis of methods for resolving conflicts and promoting peace. (Variable)

POL INTL 3126 (943:126). Human Rights — 3 hrs.

Examination of the origins and development of the concept of Human Rights. Review of the major challenges to global human rights, including genocide, racism, political repression, national/religion oppression, and gender discrimination. Emphasis on the international institutions, norms, and policies of states and non-state actors to define and promote human rights. (Variable)

POL INTL 3127 (943:127). United States Foreign Policy — 3 hrs.

Historical and theoretical examination of the individual, domestic, and systemic factors which affect formulation of United States foreign policy. (Variable)

POL INTL 3143 (943:143). International Law — 3 hrs.

Survey of international law from its development to contemporary issues. (Variable)

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POL INTL 3145 (943:145). International Organizations — 3 hrs.

Description of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and analysis of their roles in international politics. (Variable)

POL INTL 4119/5119 (943:119g). Politics of the Global Economy — 3 hrs.

Analysis of how the pursuit of power and the pursuit of wealth interact in international relations. Emphasis on trade policy, monetary and financial policies, economic development, and the politics of globalization since 1945. Prerequisite(s): POL INTL 1024 (943:024); junior standing. (Variable)

POL INTL 4125/5125 (943:125g). North-South Relations — 3 hrs.

Analysis of political, social, and economic disparities and mutual interdependence between developing and developed nations. Examination of need for a new international economic order, and issues of energy, food, raw materials, population, and transfer of technology. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

Public Policy Courses

PUBPOL 6201. Politics and Public Policy — 3 hrs.

Defining and focusing on the non-linear aspect of the policy process, including an emphasis on non-rational decision making. Analysis of legislative, executive, and bureaucratic influences. Understanding how policy images and public perception shape the formation of public policy and evaluation techniques. (Odd Falls)

PUBPOL 6204. Program Evaluation in Public Policy — 3 hrs.

Theory and practice of program evaluation and evaluative research from both quantitative and qualitative perspectives. (Even Falls)

PUBPOL 6220 (950:220). Public Policy, Advocacy and Public Funding — 2 hrs.

Policy context of philanthropy and nonprofit development; the role of nonprofits in policy development and advocacy. Prerequisite(s): admission into the Philanthropy and Nonprofit Development graduate program. (Variable)

PUBPOL 6260 (950:260). Policy Analysis: Methods and Approaches — 3 hrs.

Research methods and approaches for analyzing and evaluating public policy choices and impacts. Understanding the context and purposes of policy analysis. Defining policy research questions and developing research designs. Selecting and applying appropriate research methods to policy problems. Prerequisite(s): enrollment requires admission to the graduate program in Public Policy, or consent of Director of Graduate Program in Public Policy. (Odd Falls)

PUBPOL 6275 (950:275). Quantitative Methods for Politics and Policy — 3 hrs.

Statistical methods appropriate to study of political science and public policy, including hypothesis testing using parametric and nonparametric tests, correlation and bivariate regression, experimental methods, logistic regression and multiple regression. (Even Springs)

PUBPOL 6281 (950:281). Internship in Public Policy — 3 hrs.

Field experience for students enrolled in Master of Public Policy degree program. Students may be given credit for extensive career experience at the discretion of the Program Director. (Even Summers)

PUBPOL 6285 (950:285). Readings in Public Policy — 1-3 hrs.

Registration requires written consent of Program Director. May be repeated. (Odd Summers)