

# BA with a Major in Political Science, Concentration in Law and Courts

## Program Codes:

20FT0343BA

## Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Political Science degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
	Major Requirements	33
	General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours	87
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

## General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 101	Introduction to American Government and Politics <sup>a,b</sup>	3
POLS 200	Methods of Political Science	3
Select two of the following: <sup>c</sup>		6
POLS 120	Introduction to Political Theory	
POLS 130	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
POLS 184	Introduction to International Relations	
Select one of the following: <sup>d</sup>		3
POLS 329	Seminar on American Politics	
POLS 349	Topics in Comparative Politics	
POLS 389	Seminar: Topics in International Relations	
POLS 399	Seminar in Political Theory	
Four additional political science courses at the 200 level (or above) and two additional political science courses at the 300 level (or above), including three courses from the following: <sup>e</sup>		18
POLS 258	The Judicial Process	
POLS 287	International Law	
POLS 353	Constitutional Law	
POLS 354	The Constitution and Civil Liberties	

POLS 356	Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy
POLS 358	Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History
POLS 359	Topics in Public Law
POLS 451	Law and Public Policy

**Total Hours** **33**

- a *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*
- b *This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.*
- c *Students should consult the [General Education](#) section of the catalog to determine if any of these courses are approved General Education courses.*
- d *Any of these courses may be used to fulfill the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*
- e *Not including POLS 305.*

**Note:** At the discretion of the director of undergraduate studies, students may substitute a course from another department for one of the courses in public law.

Transfer courses in political science must have grades of C or better to count toward the major or minor.

## Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
POLS 101	Introduction to American Government and Politics <sup>a</sup>	3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
POLS 120	Introduction to Political Theory <sup>a</sup>	3
or POLS 130	or Introduction to Comparative Politics	
or POLS 184	or Introduction to International Relations	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3-5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
POLS 120	Introduction to Political Theory <sup>a</sup>	3
or POLS 130	or Introduction to Comparative Politics	
or POLS 184	or Introduction to International Relations	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
General Education Requirement course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
POLS 200	Methods of Political Science	3
POLS 2xx, POLS 3xx, or POLS 4xx		3
Foreign Language		4
General Education Requirement course		3-5

Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16-18</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
POLS 201	Political Data Analysis (or Quantitative Reasoning course) <sup>b</sup>	3
POLS 2xx, POLS 3xx, or POLS 4xx <sup>c</sup>		3
POLS 258	The Judicial Process	3
or POLS 287	or International Law	
or POLS 353	or Constitutional Law	
or POLS 354	or The Constitution and Civil Liberties	
or POLS 356	or Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy	
or POLS 358	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 359	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 451	or Topics in Public Law or Law and Public Policy	
Electives		6
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
POLS 2xx, POLS 3xx, or POLS 4xx		3
POLS 353	Constitutional Law	3
or POLS 354	or The Constitution and Civil Liberties	
or POLS 356	or Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy	
or POLS 358	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 359	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 451	or Topics in Public Law or Law and Public Policy	
Electives		8-9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
POLS 353	Constitutional Law	3
or POLS 354	or The Constitution and Civil Liberties	
or POLS 356	or Constitutional Law: Women, Gender and Privacy	
or POLS 358	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 359	or Constitutional Law: African-American Legal History	
or POLS 451	or Topics in Public Law or Law and Public Policy	
Electives		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
POLS 329	Seminar on American Politics <sup>c</sup>	3
or POLS 349	or Topics in Comparative Politics	
or POLS 389	or Seminar: Topics in International Relations	
or POLS 399	or Seminar in Political Theory	
Electives		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

a *POLS 101 and POLS 120 may be used to satisfy two of the nine courses in the General Education Requirement.*

b *Satisfies Quantitative Reasoning requirement (with a grade of C or better) but is not required for the major. To be eligible, you must first satisfy the math prerequisite.*

c *Any of these courses may be used to fulfill the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*