BA with a Major in Political Science, Concentration in Urban Politics

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.

Summary of Requirements
Major Requirements
33
General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total
87
Total Hours
120

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

Required Courses
POLS 101  Introduction to American Government and Politics 3
POLS 200  Methods of Political Science 3
Select two of the following:

- POLS 120  Introduction to Political Theory
- POLS 130  Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POLS 184  Introduction to International Relations
- POLS 190  Scope of Political Science
- POLS 210  Introduction to Urban Politics 3
- POLS 211  Chicago's Future 3
- POLS 301  Field Experience in Political Science 6
Select one of the following:

- POLS 329  Seminar on American Politics 3
- POLS 349  Topics in Comparative Politics
- POLS 389  Seminar: Topics in International Relations
- POLS 399  Seminar in Political Theory
Six additional credit hours at the 200-level (or above) 6

Total Hours
33

c  Students should consult the General Education (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/degree-programs/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 their three courses in urban politics.
Transfer courses in political science must have grades of C or better to count toward the major or minor.

Recommended Plan of Study

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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.
General Education Requirement course | 3  
Elective | 3  
**Hours** | **16**

**Third Year**  
**Fall Semester**  
POLS 2xx, POLS 3xx, or POLS 4xx | 3  
POLS 201 | Political Data Analysis (or Quantitative Reasoning course) | 3  
POLS 210 | Introduction to Urban Politics | 3  
General Education Course requirement | 3  
Elective | 3  
**Hours** | **15**

**Spring Semester**  
POLS 211 | Chicago's Future | 3  
POLS 301 | Field Experience in Political Science | 6  
Electives | 6  
**Hours** | **15**

**Fourth Year**  
**Fall Semester**  
POLS 329 or POLS 349 or POLS 389 or POLS 399 | Seminar on American Politics or Topics in Comparative Politics or Seminar: Topics in International Relations or Seminar in Political Theory | 3  
Electives | 12  
**Hours** | **15**

**Spring Semester**  
Electives | 14-15  
**Hours** | **14-15**

**Total Hours** | **120**

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**Footnotes:**

- **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.