

# 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**

- This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*
- This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.*
- Students should consult the General Education section of the catalog to determine if any of these courses are approved General Education courses.*
- Any of these courses may be used to fulfill the Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.*
- 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 or POLS 130 or POLS 184	Introduction to Political Theory <sup>a</sup> or Introduction to Comparative Politics or Introduction to International Relations	3
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 or POLS 130 or POLS 184	Introduction to Political Theory <sup>a</sup> or Introduction to Comparative Politics or Introduction to International Relations	3
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>

**Third Year**

**Fall Semester**

POLS 201 Political Data Analysis (or Quantitative Reasoning course) <sup>b</sup>	3-5
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 Topics in Public Law	
or POLS 451 or Law and Public Policy	
Electives	6
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>

**Spring Semester**

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 Topics in Public Law	
or POLS 451 or Law and Public Policy	
Electives	8-9
<b>Hours</b>	<b>14-15</b>

**Fourth Year**

**Fall Semester**

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 Topics in Public Law	
or POLS 451 or Law and Public Policy	
Electives	12
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Spring Semester**

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.*