

# 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.

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	
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: <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	
	Six additional semester hours at the 200-level (or above) <sup>e</sup>	6
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

<sup>a</sup> This course is approved for the *Understanding the Individual and Society General Education* category.

<sup>b</sup> This course is approved for the *Understanding U.S. Society General Education* category.

<sup>c</sup> Students should consult the *General Education* section of the catalog to determine if any of these courses are approved General Education courses.

<sup>d</sup> Any of these courses may be used to fulfill the *Writing-in-the-Discipline* requirement.

<sup>e</sup> 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

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
	Elective	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

**Third Year****Fall Semester**

POLS 2xx, POLS 3xx, or POLS 4xx <sup>c</sup>		3
POLS 201	Political Data Analysis (or Quantitative Reasoning course) <sup>b</sup>	3
POLS 210	Introduction to Urban Politics	3
General Education Course requirement		3
Elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring Semester**

POLS 211	Chicago's Future	3
POLS 301	Field Experience in Political Science	6
Electives		6
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year****Fall Semester**

POLS 329 or POLS 349 or POLS 389 or POLS 399	Seminar on American Politics <sup>c</sup> or Topics in Comparative Politics or Seminar: Topics in International Relations or Seminar in Political Theory	3
Electives		12
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring Semester**

Electives		14-15
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14-15</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.*