

POLITICS MAJOR – B.A.

This B.A. degree requires 90 liberal arts credits out of the 120 credits required for graduation.

Summary

Code	Title	Credits
	Politics B.A. Major Requirements	35-44
	Integrative Core Curriculum Requirements and Electives ¹	64-85
Total Credits		120

¹ *This major is approved to fulfill the Integrative Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.ithaca.edu/undergrad/programsaz/integrative-core-curriculum/>) requirement for the Social Sciences perspective.*

Degree Requirements

A grade of C is the minimum required in major field courses.

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CREDITS IN THE DEPARTMENT		
Three 4-credit courses at 100-level		12
POLT 10100	U.S. Politics and Public Policy	
One course in the subfield political theory		
POLT 14100 through 14900		
One course in the subfield comparative and international studies		
POLT 12200 through 12900		
Five courses at 300-level, with a minimum of one course in Comparative/Int'l Studies; the others must include three out of four subfields in the program (U.S. Politics, Political Theory, Public Policy, and Comparative and International Studies; one of the courses can be an internship in Policy, U.S., or Comparative and International)		19-20
US Politics: POLT 30100-32099		
Political Theory: POLT 34100 - 35099		
Public Policy: POLT 36200 - 37099		
Comp/Int'l Stds: POLT 32100 - 34099		
Internship at 380xx or 381xx (3 or 4 credits)		
One 400-level seminar: POLT 40100-40299		4
Foreign-language through the introductory level (101 & 102)		0-8
Total credits 35-44		
OPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION ¹		
Three 4-credit courses at 100-level		12
POLT 10100	U.S. Politics and Public Policy	
One course in the subfield political theory		
POLT 14100 through 14900		
One course in the subfield comparative and international studies		
POLT 12200 through 12900		
International Studies Concentration ²		
300-level requirements in the concentration		
POLT 30600	U.S. Foreign Policy	4

POLT 32100-34099	Three courses in Comparative and International Studies, one of which must be designated as a "place" course: POLT 32100, POLT 32600, POLT 33000, POLT 33100, POLT 33200, POLT 33900, POLT 34050 through 34099. One of these can be POLT 38100 Internship: International Studies (3-4 credits) with permission from advisor	11-12
POLT 30100-32099	One course in U.S. Politics	4
POLT 34100-35099	One course in Political Theory	4
400-level requirement		
POLT 401xx	One seminar course in Comparative and International Studies	4
Additional foreign language study at the 300-level or higher		0-4
Total credits: 39-44		

¹ *Students choosing the concentration option are restricted in the way in which they satisfy the requirements at 300- and 400-levels; see International Studies Concentration below for details.*

² *Students completing the concentration must complete POLT 30600 plus five other 300-level POLT courses.*

International Studies Concentration

The international studies concentration is intended for students who wish to focus their study of politics on issues and topics specifically connected to global matters.

The concentration requires an additional 4-12 credits beyond the general politics B.A. degree (an additional politics course at the 300-level and additional language study).

Students completing the concentration must complete POLT 30600 plus five other 300-level POLT courses.

The concentration also restricts the way in which students satisfy the general Politics requirements at each level by limiting choices to courses that are designated as comparative and international.