



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

NAME	
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2024-2025

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: 40 HRS

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
ENG 1001G Composition & Language	3		
ENG 1002G Composition & Language II	3		
CMN 1310G Intro. to Speech Comm.	3		

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS: 9 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Humanities _____	3		
Fine Arts _____	3		
Humanities or Fine Arts _____	3		

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE: 9 HRS

Must be from two different disciplines.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 1153G/1193G	3		
PLS 2253G/2293G	3		
Non PLS _____	3		

POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 40-48 HRS

REQUIRED COURSES: 16 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 1153G American Gov't OR PLS 1139G American Gov't Honors	3		
PLS 1500 Political Science Forum	1		
PLS 2253G Intro. Intern. Relations OR PLS 2239G Intro. Intern. Rel. Honors	3		
PLS 2033 Research Methods	3		
PLS 4600 Capstone (prerequisite: 75 hrs., PLS 1500 , and PLS 2033)	3		
+ CHOOSE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING			
PLS 1003 Intro. to Politics	3		
PLS 2000 Intro. to Public Affairs	3		
PLS 2103 Intro. to Political Theory	3		
PLS 2703 Intro Public Policy	3		

PLS IR/COMPARATIVE ELECTIVES: 12 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Elective 1 _____	3		
Elective 2 _____	3		
Elective 3 _____	3		
Elective 4 _____	3		

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES: 9 HRS

2 DISCIPLINES, 2@3000 LEVEL OR HIGHER.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
Elective 1 _____	3		
Elective 2 _____	3		
Elective 3 _____	3		

POLITICAL SCIENCE FIELD REQUIREMENTS/ELECTIVES

COMPARATIVE/INTER. RELATIONS

- PLS 3203** American Foreign Policy
- PLS 3223** International Organizations
- PLS 3233** International Terrorism
- PLS 3253** Hum Rights Internat Law
- PLS 3263** Pol of War & Conflict
- PLS 3303** European Politics
- PLS 3333** Latin Amer/Caribbean
- PLS 3343** Middle East
- PLS 3353** Sub-Saharan Africa
- PLS 3363** Asia-Pacific
- PLS 3393** Developing Nations
- PLS 3861** Spec Top IR Comp
- PLS 4823** Comparative Public Policy

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

- HIS 2560** Early Modern World History
- HIS 3110** Britain 1688-Present
- HIS 3210** History Modern Middle East
- HIS 3250** African History from 1400
- HIS 3260** Modern Latin America
- HIS 3330** Modern East Asia/Pacific Cent.
- HIS 3350** Twentieth Century Russia
- HIS 3450** Modern Germany
- HIS 3555** Modern World History
- HIS 3800** U.S. Diplomatic History
- HIS 4781** The Arab-Israeli Conflict
- HIS 4782** Modern Iran
- HIS 4845** Women/Gender Mod. Europe
- HIS 4850** Mexico, Cen. Amer., Caribb.
- HIS 4870** The Two Koreas

- HIS 4880** Modern Japan
- ECN 2801G/2891G** Macroeconomics
- ECN 2802G/2892G** Microeconomics
- ECN 3860** International Economics
- ECN 4570** Econ. of Developing Cntrs.
- ECN 4861** International Econ. Problems
- GEO 1100G/1190G** Cultural Geography
- GEO 1200G/1290G** World Regional Geo.
- GEO 3620** Geography of Tourism
- GEO 3640** Geography of Sports
- FLF 4100** Francophone Culture
- FLG 3200** German Culture/Civilization
- FLS 4310** Civilization/Culture of Spain
- FLS 4645** Topics in Hispanic Culture
- CMN 3560** International Comm.
- HST 2600** International Health Issues

SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

One biological and one physical science course, one of which must involve a lab.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
BIO _____ Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>			
Phy. Sci. _____ Lab? <input type="checkbox"/>			

MATHEMATICS: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
MAT _____	3		

SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 HRS

After completion of 75 credits. Choose from PLS 4600, EIU 4XXXG, or STA 4000G

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 4600 Capstone	3		

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

Exempt if 2 yrs in high school with "C" average.

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
WL _____ G	4		
WL _____ G	4		

INTERMEDIATE FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-8 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
WL _____ G	4		
WL _____ G	4		

APPLIED LEARNING: 3 HRS

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
PLS 2503 Legal Research (only 1 HR counts)	1		
PLS 2513 Moot Court (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
PLS 2611 Model IL Gov't (1 hr) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
PLS 3970 Study Abroad			
PLS 4275 Internship			
PLS 4503 Independent Study			
PLS 4444 Honors Independent Study			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Hours
<input type="checkbox"/> 40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Cumulative GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 Major GPA
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/> Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Writing Portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
See www.eiu.edu/~assess/ for requirements

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SUGGESTED 4-YEAR SEQUENCE

YEAR 1			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 1500	1	PLS 2253G/2293G	3
PLS 1153G/1193G	3	ENG 1002G/1092G	3
ENG 1001G/1091G	3	Fine Arts Gen. Ed.	3
Humanities Gen. Ed.	3	ECN 2801G/2802G	3
WL__ 1101G	4	OR GEO 1100G/1190G	
		OR GEO 1200G/1290G	
		WL__ 1102G	4
Total	14	Total	16

YEAR 2			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 2033	3	PLS 1003/2103	3
Human./Fine Arts Gen. Ed.	3	CMN 1310G	3
MAT 1160G/2250G/2290G	3	Int. Rel./Comp. Req. 1	3
WL__ 2201G	4	WL__ 2202G	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15

YEAR 3			
FALL		SPRING	
Int. Rel./Comp. Req. 2	3	Int. Rel./Comp. Req. 3	3
Upper Division Interdis. Elective 1	3	Upper Division Interdis. Elective 2	3
Life Science Gen. Ed.	3	Upper Division Electives	3
Upper Division Elective	4	Physical Science Gen. Ed.	4
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16

YEAR 4			
FALL		SPRING	
PLS 4600	3	Int. Rel./Comp. Req. 4	3
PLS Applied Learning Req.	3	Upper Division Electives	9
Upper Division Electives	6	Electives	3
Elective	3		
Total	15	Total	15

Students with dual/transfer/AP credits have more room to take electives or pursue a double major or minor. Students who need a foreign language graduation requirement have fewer elective options. We recommend completing this requirement in your 1st year.

PLS 4555/Honors Research, PLS 4644/Honors Thesis, and the 5000-level seminar count for Field Requirements and Electives, with admission into Departmental Honors, and with the academic advisor and department chair's approval.

*Any Math general education course will count in the major, but these classes are recommended.

**There are many paths to completing the applied learning requirement - talk to your academic advisor.

NOTES, QUESTIONS, MINOR REQUIREMENTS: