



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION

AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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	3		
OR PLS 1139G American Gov't Honors			
PLS 1500 Political Science Forum	1		
PLS 2253G Intro. Intern. Relations	3		
OR PLS 2239G Intro. Intern. Rel. Honors			
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 2000G Intro. to Public Affairs	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 3373 Politics of Developing Nations
PLS 3861 Spec Top IR Comp
PLS 4823 Comparative Public Policy

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES

AFR 2200G Pan Africanism
AFR 3300 African Cinema
CMN 3560 International Comm.

CMN 3710 Intercultural Communication
ECN 2801G/2891G Macroeconomics
ECN 2802G/2892G Microeconomics
ECN 3860 International Economics
ECN 4570 Econ. of Developing Cntrs.
ECN 4861 International Econ. Problems
FLF 4100 Francophone Culture
FLG 3200 German Culture/Civilization
FLS 4310 Civilization/Culture of Spain
FLS 4645 Topics in Hispanic Culture
GEO 1100G/1190G Cultural Geography
GEO 1200G/1290G World Regional Geo.
GEO 3620 Geography of Tourism
GEO 3640 Geography of Sports
HIS 2560 Early Modern World History
HIS 3110 Britain 1688-Present
HIS 3175 History of Christianity
HIS 3210 History Modern Middle East
HIS 3250 African History from 1400

HIS 3255 Colonial Latin America
HIS 3260 Modern Latin America
HIS 3330 Modern East Asia/Pacific Cent.
HIS 3350 Twentieth Century Russia
HIS 3405 Absolutist France/Wider World
HIS 3410 French Revolution
HIS 3415 World War I
HIS 3420 World War II
HIS 3430 The Vietnam War
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
HST 2600 International Health Issues

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SCIENCE AWARENESS: 7 HRS

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

COURSE	HOURS	GRADE	SEMESTER
BIO _____ Lab? ☐			
Phy. Sci. _____ Lab? ☐			

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) ☐ ☐ ☐			
PLS 2611 Model IL Gov't (1 hr) ☐ ☐ ☐			
PLS 3970 Study Abroad			
PLS 4275 Internship			
PLS 4503 Independent Study			
PLS 4444 Honors Independent Study			

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

☐ 120 Hours
☐ 40 SH of upper division courses (3000+)
☐ 2.00 Cumulative GPA
☐ 2.00 Major GPA
☐ Cultural Diversity
☐ Application for Graduation (First semester junior year)
☐ Electronic Writing Portfolio ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐
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	4
		OR GEO 1200G/1290G	
		WL__ 1102G	
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: