

Accelerated BA/MA in Political Science

Accelerated BA/BS in Political Science to MPA Program

Students accepted into an accelerated undergraduate program may take departmentally approved graduate coursework as part of their undergraduate curriculum. These credits will count towards both their bachelor's and master's degrees and can fulfill major requirements, upper-division requirements, and/or free electives. For details on accelerated programs at Idaho State University, please see (Degree Requirements (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree requirements/>)).

Once accepted into the accelerated BA/BS degree program enroute to the MPA program, students should communicate with both their undergraduate advisor and advisors in the MPA program. It is important that the courses that you choose to take for graduate credit be either MPA core or specialized courses. Also realize that acceptance into the accelerated program during the bachelor's degree program is the first step in the admissions process. A separate application to the Graduate School is necessary for all accelerated programs. For more information regarding application and admission to the Graduate School at Idaho State University, please see the Graduate Admissions (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/>) section of the graduate catalog.

Students in the accelerated BA/BS to MPA may select up to 12 credits (four courses) from the following: POLS 5505 Introduction to Public Administration, POLS 5509 Community and Regional Planning, POLS 5551 Public Organizational Theory, POLS 5552 Public Budgeting and Finance, POLS 5553 Public Policy Analysis, POLS 5554 Public Personnel Management, and POLS 5558 Public Administration Ethics. Students should understand that 9 credits can be used to fulfill their free POLS undergraduate electives. If they chose to do another 3 credits at the 5000 level, those three credits can count as upper division credits for their undergraduate degree.

This accelerated program gives outstanding bachelor's degree students in a "fast-track" option to pursue graduate-level coursework towards the Master in Arts degree during the last two semesters of undergraduate coursework and count up to 12 credits of that coursework towards completion of the bachelor's degree.

Program Admissions Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Completion of the following courses, (or their equivalents) with at least a C grade in each.		
POLS 1101	American National Government	3
POLS 1102	Introduction to Politics Critical Thinking and Analysis	3

General Education

The listing below includes program requirements that also fulfill General Education requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Objective 1		6
Objective 2		3
Objective 3		3
Objective 4		6
Objective 5		7
Objective 6 - POLS 1101		6
Students must fulfill Objective 7 or Objective 8		3

Objective 7- POLS 1102	
Objective 8	
Objective 9 - POLS 2231	3
Total Credits	37

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 1101	American National Government (Partially Fulfills Objective 6)	3
POLS 1102	Introduction to Politics Critical Thinking and Analysis (Fulfills Objective 7)	3
POLS 2213	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
POLS 2221	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 2231	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fulfills Objective 9)	3
POLS 3319	Political Science Research Design	3
POLS 4460	Senior Seminar	3
Upper division Political Science Electives		18

One course in American Politics

POLS 3195	Special Topics in American Government
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POLS 4401	Political Parties and Groups
POLS 4403	The Presidency
POLS 4404	The Legislative Process
POLS 4405/5505	Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 4406	Intergovernmental Relations
POLS 4427	Voting and Public Opinion
POLS 4428	Women and Politics
POLS 4442	Constitutional Law
POLS 4443	Civil Rights and Liberties
POLS 4444	Law and Society

One course in International Politics

POLS 3235	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 3325	Special Topics in International Relations
POLS 4235	Special Topics in Comparative Politics
POLS 4325	Special Topics in International Relations
POLS 4432	Comparative Politics Change and Political Order
POLS 4433	Politics of Developing Nations
POLS 4434	Terrorism and Political Violence
POLS 4462	International Sustainable Development

One course in Political Theory

POLS 3418	Special Topics in Political Theory
POLS 4411	American Political Theory
POLS 4418	Special Topics in Political Theory

POLS 4420	Contemporary Political Theory
POLS 4421	Democratic Political Thoughts
POLS 4445	Jurisprudence
Three more upper division Political Science courses, excluding POLS 4459	
POLS 5505	Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 5509	Community and Regional Planning
POLS 5551	Public Organizational Theory
POLS 5552	Public Budgeting and Finance
POLS 5553	Public Policy Analysis
POLS 5554	Public Personnel Management
POLS 5555	Environmental Politics and Policy
Students who desire to complete a pre-law emphasis should consult with a pre-law advisor in the Department of Political Science.	
Total Credits	39

Degree Totals

Code	Title	Credits
	Program Admission Requirements (w/o General Education)	0
	General Education	37
	Major Requirements (w/o General Education)	30
	Upper Division Free Electives	12
	Free Electives	41
Total Credits		120

ISU Degree Requirements (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degerequirements/>)

ISU General Education (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>)

Major Academic Plan (MAP) (<https://www.isu.edu/advising/maps/>)

Master of Arts in Political Science (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/politicalscience/mapoliticalscience/>)