

CHECKLIST FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE, SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS

Boise State University • Department of Political Science

Name: _____

Bachelor of: _____

First Field of Certification: _____

Second Field of Certification: _____

To complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in the social science, secondary education emphasis, you may select Political Science as your first or second field of certification. If political science is your first field, you must also select a second field of certification from one of these departments: anthropology, economics, history, or sociology. If you choose political science as your second field, you must also choose a first field of certification. This checklist is prepared to assist you. It is not a substitute for regular consultation with your political science advisor. It may be updated periodically and may not correspond with the catalog you are using for graduation purposes. Be sure to review the requirements in the catalog you have selected for graduation. Ultimately students are responsible for being aware of these requirements.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum graduation requirements are identified in the undergraduate catalog. The selection of the catalog for graduation is therefore important. The current minimum graduation requirements include:

1. Minimum total credits for graduation must equal **128** (there may be exceptions for students transferring from other universities). These must include:
 - English Composition ENGL 101 and ENGL 102, or if applicable, only ENGL 102 or ENGL 111 and ENGL 112. Decide in consultation with your advisor.
 - Beginning with the 2006-2007 undergraduate catalog, all students must meet the diversity requirement by completing at least one of the approved diversity courses. See Table 10.2, 10.6, 10.7, and 10.8 in the current catalog for a listing of the approved courses.
 - University Core Credit Hours from Area I (12 credits), Area II (12 credits), and Area III (11-12 credits, depending on which math course is completed). The BA degree requires an approved literature course for Area I and an approved History course for Area II. Area III requires at least one of the approved mathematics courses.
 - BA degree requires an additional 9 credit hours in course work from departments in Area I and/or Area II. See Table 10.9 in the current undergraduate catalog.
 - BS degree requires an additional 9 credit hours in course work from departments in Area II and/or Area III. See Table 10.10 in the current undergraduate catalog.
 - Upper Division Credit Hours - A minimum of 40 credits total. This total includes upper division credits completed in Political Science.
2. Grade Point Average for all courses taken must equal 2.0 or greater. To be counted as a core area course, you must have a grade of C- or above for the course.
3. Students will not be allowed credit toward Political Science requirements for any grade of lower than C- **in upper division** Political Science courses. Some upper division courses in Political Science have prerequisites. (Please see the 2009-2010 undergraduate catalog.) The current BSU policy is: "Students must complete prerequisites listed in the catalog descriptions or Schedule of Classes with a grade of "C-" or higher prior to enrolling in the course." Requests to waive certain course prerequisites may be approved by the department offering the course. Requests must be justified on the basis of background, education, or experience. (Page 49)
4. At least 30 of the last 36 credit hours completed for graduation must be taken at Boise State University.
5. All students should meet with a Political Science advisor regularly before applying for graduation.
6. All students should apply for graduation one semester in advance of the desired graduation date. See page 52 of the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Catalog.

REQUIREMENTS WHEN POLITICAL SCIENCE IS YOUR MAJOR CERTIFICATION FIELD

According to the *Boise State University 2009-2010 Undergraduate Catalog* (page 236), "Students choosing this [emphasis] must:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 credits in political science.
2. Complete a minimum of 21 credits in anthropology, economics, history, or sociology. See the department course listings for each of these departments for additional information.

3. Complete six credits in U.S. history, six credits of American government, and three credits of comparative government for certification requirements.

4. Meet the requirements and standards for admission to teacher education, which are described fully under the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies or at <http://education.boisestate.edu/teachered/>. Students are expected to meet all knowledge, skill, and dispositional requirements for continued enrollment in the program.

5. Keep informed of the requirements and standards for certification, including the successful completion of the Praxis II examinations in their endorsement area(s). For information on the Praxis II examination, please consult with your advisor in the department of political science.”

The list beginning below refers to the minimum requirements. You might also think about other fields, in addition to your first and second certification fields, that you might want to teach and then select your courses accordingly.

Course Number and Title	Credits	Grade	Sem/Yr Completed
English Composition			
ENGL 101 English Composition	3		
ENGL 102 English Composition	3		
Diversity Course Completed:			
Area I —see current catalog for list of approved courses			
Area I core course in one field	3		
Area I core course in a second field	3		
Area I core course in a third field	3		
Area I core course in any field (for a B.A. degree you must complete 3 credits of Area I core Literature)	3		
Area II —see current catalog for list of approved courses			
HIST 111 U.S. History or HIST 211 Problems in U.S. History	3		
POLS 101 American National Government	3		
POLS 141 Contemporary Political Ideologies	3		
ED-CIFS 201 Foundations of Education (This course is required for admission into teacher education upper-division courses)	3		
HIST 112 U.S. History or HIST 212 Problems in U.S. History	3		
Area III —see current catalog for list of approved courses			
Area III core course in mathematics	3 - 5		
Area III core course in a second field	4		
Area III core course in any field	4		
Other lower-division, required Political Science Courses			
POLS 102 State and Local Government	3		
POLS 231 International Relations	3		
Upper-division comparative government elective (Select one of the following: POLS 321, POLS 324, POLS 327, POLS 328, POLS 3298, or POLS 333)	3		
Upper-division political science electives (Consult with your political science advisor)			
POLS	3		
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Course Number and Title	Credits	Grade	Sem/Yr Completed
Social Science second certification field other than political science (You must choose one of the following fields: anthropology, economics, history or sociology. We suggest you select courses in consultation with your advisor for you second field of certification)	Minimum of 21		
	3		
Education courses—Pre-admission courses ED-CIFS 201 Foundations of Education (This course can be used in Area II)	3		
EDTECH 202 Educational Technology	3		
Education courses—Block I courses ED-CIFS 301 Teaching Experience I	3		
ED-CIFS 302 Learning and Instruction	4		
EDUC-SPED 350 Teaching Students with Exceptional Needs at the Secondary Level	3		
Education Courses—Block II courses ED-CIFS 401 Professional Year –Teaching Experience II	2		
ED-LTCY 444 Content Literacy for Secondary Students	3		
ED-CIFS 405 Teaching Secondary Social Studies (“content methods course”)	3		
Education Courses—Block III courses To teach both junior and senior high school complete both:			
ED-CIFS 482 Professional Year—Junior High Teaching Experience IV Dual Option	8		
ED-CIFS 483 Professional Year—Junior High Teaching Experience IV Dual Option	8		
OR To teach only junior high school complete:			
ED-CIFS 484 Professional Year—Junior High Teaching Experience III	16		
OR To teach only senior high school complete:			
ED-CIFS 485 Professional Year—Senior High Teaching Experience III	16		
Electives to total 128 credits (When selecting these electives, you might choose courses to help you get qualified in other certification fields.)			
TOTAL	128		

Notes: