

University of Northern Iowa
Department of Communication and Media: Political Communication Major
2025-2026 Degree Requirements - 39 Hours; Joint Major with Political Science

Required Core Courses: (12 hrs.)	Credits	Required Courses: Political Science (9 hrs.)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4211 Rhetoric and Civic Culture (Sr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 1014 Power and Politics (Domestic UNIFI Req.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4216 Political Communication OR POL AMER 4160 Political Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3112 Campaigns and Elections	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4444 Communication, Community, and Change (Sr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3150 Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> CM CORE 1010 Mass Communication and Society	3 hrs.		

Methodology (3 hrs.)	Credits	Internship in Comm. and Media/ Political Science (3 hrs.)	Credits
Select 1 of the following from Comm. and Media/ Pol. Science		<input type="checkbox"/> CM CORE 3900 Internship in Communication and Media (Jr., Internship coordinator approval) OR	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> CM CORE 2020 Communication Research Methods	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL GEN 3181 Internship in Politics (POL GEN 2010; 15 hrs. of Pol. Sci., Pol. Comm. or Public Admin. major)	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4023 Rhetorical Research Methods (CM CORE 2020; Jr.)	3 hrs.		
<input type="checkbox"/> POL GEN 2010 Analyzing Politics	3 hrs.		

Electives (12 hrs.); Choose 2 courses from Communication and Media and 2 courses from Political Science from the following list:

Communication and Media (6 hrs.)	Credits	Political Science (6 hrs.)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 2257 Argumentation and Debate	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 2131 American State Politics	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 3055 Organizational Communication	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3132 Community Politics	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4217 Freedom of Speech (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3134 Congress: The First Branch (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4218 Persuasion (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3144 Civil Rights and Liberties	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4333 Communication and Conflict Management (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3151 Modern Presidency (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4344 Intercultural Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 3166 Political Parties and Interest Groups (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4446 Voices from the Margin: Performance, Rhetoric, and Social Change (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 4143 Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4544 Digital Culture and Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL AMER 4177 Political Psychology (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM DM 1611 Media and Power	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL INTL 3126 Human Rights	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 4630 Digital Media Law and Ethics (Jr.)	3 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> POL INTL 3143 International Law	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM DM 4644 Global Media: Topic (Jr.)	3 hrs.		
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM PR 1811 Principles of Public Relations	3 hrs.		

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Political Communication Major: Sample Plan of Study

Freshman Fall		
POL AMER 1014	Power & Politics in the US	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	12 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Freshman Spring		
CM CORE 1010	Mass Communication and Society	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	12 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Sophomore Fall		
CM CORE 2020 OR	Communication Research Methods	
COMM 4023 OR	Rhetorical Research Methods (COMM COR 2020 or ENGLISH 2120; Jr.)	3 hrs.
POL GEN 2010	Analyzing Politics	
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	12 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Sophomore Spring		
	Communication and Media Elective (or Political Comm. Elective; see reverse side)	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	12 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Junior Fall		
POL AMER 3112	Campaigns and Elections	3 hrs.
POL AMER 4160	Political Communication (or COMM 4216; Jr.)	3 hrs.
COMM 4444	Communication, Community, and Change	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	6 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Junior Spring		
COMM 4211	Rhetoric and Civic Culture	3 hrs.
POL AMER 3150	Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	3 hrs.
	Political Communication Elective/Political Science Elective (see reverse side)	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	6 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
Senior Fall		
CM CORE 3900 OR	Internship in Communication and Media (Jr.; Intern coordinator approval)	
POL GEN 3181	Internship in Politics (POL GEN 2010; 15 hrs. of political science; Jr; dept. consent)	3 hrs.
	Political Communication elective/Communication & Media course	3 hrs.
	Political Communication Elective/Political Science Elective (see reverse side)	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	6 hrs.
	Total	15hrs.
Senior Spring		
	Political Communication Elective/Communication and Media Elective (see reverse side)	3 hrs.
	Political Communication Elective/Political Science Elective (see reverse side)	3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives	9 hrs.
	Total	15 hrs.
	Total Hours	120 hrs.

Students should regularly meet with their academic advisor to plan their specific semester schedule.