

University of Northern Iowa
Department of Communication and Media Political Communication Major
2023-2024 Degree Requirements—39 Hours – Joint major with Political Science

✓ File a New Declaration of Curriculum with the Department of Communication and Media **or** Department of Political Science

Required Courses: Communication and Media (12 hrs.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM COR 1010	Mass Communication and Society	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4211	Rhetoric and Civic Culture (Sr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4216/POL AMER 4160	Political Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4444	Communication, Community, and Change (Sr.)	3 hrs.

Required Courses: Political Science (9 hrs.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 1014	Introduction to American Politics	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3112	Campaigns and Elections	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3150	Public Opinion and Voting Behavior	3 hrs.

Methodology: Select one (3 hrs.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM COR 2020	Communication Research Methods	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4023	Rhetorical Research Methods (COMM COR 2020 or ENGLISH 2120; Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL GEN 2010	Analyzing Politics	

Internship: Select one (3 hrs.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 3900	Internship in Communication (Jr.; Internship coordinator approval)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL GEN 3181	Internship in Politics (POL GEN 2010; 15 hrs. of political science; Jr; dept. consent)	3 hrs.

Electives: Select TWO (2) courses from Communication and Media and TWO (2) courses from Political Science from the following list (12 hrs. total)

Communication and Media: (Choose 2)

<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 2257	Argumentation and Debate	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 3055	Organizational Communication	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4217	Freedom of Speech (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4218	Persuasion	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4333	Communication & Conflict Management (COMM 2344; Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4344	Intercultural Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4446	Voices from the Margin: Performance, Rhetoric, and Social Change (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 4544	Digital Culture and Communication (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM DM 1611	Media and Power	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM DM 4630	Digital Media Law and Ethics (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM DM 4644	Global Media (COMM COR 1010; Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM PR 1811	Principles of Public Relations	3 hrs.

Political Science: (Choose 2)

<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 2131	American State Politics	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3132	Community Politics (Soph. or instructor consent)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3134	Congress: The First Branch (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3144	Civil Rights and Liberties	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3151	Modern Presidency (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 3166	Political Parties and Interest Groups (POL AMER 1014)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 4143	Citizen Participation and Civic Engagement (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL AMER 4177	Political Psychology (Jr.)	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL INTL 3126	Human Rights	3 hrs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	POL INTL 3143	International Law	3 hrs.

For additional information contact:

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Political Communication Major Plan of Study

Freshman Fall			
POL AMER 1014	Introduction to American Politics		3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12 hrs.
		Total	15 hrs.
Freshman Spring			
COMM COR 1010	Mass Communication and Society		3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		12 hrs.
		Total	15 hrs.
Sophomore Fall			
COMM COR 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 (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.
	Communication and Media Elective (see reverse side)		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 Science Elective (see reverse side)		3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		6 hrs.
		Total	15 hrs.
Senior Fall			
COMM 3900 OR	Internship in Communication (Jr.; Internship coordinator approval)		
POL GEN 3181	Internship in Politics (POL GEN 2010; 15 hrs. of political science; Jr; dept. consent)		3 hrs.
COMM 4444	Communication, Community and Change (Sr.)		3 hrs.
	Political Science Elective (see reverse side)		3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		6 hrs.
		Total	15hrs.
Senior Spring			
	Communication and Media Elective (see reverse side)		3 hrs.
	Political Science Elective (see reverse side)		3 hrs.
	UNIFI/General Education or University Electives		9 hrs.
		Total	15 hrs.
		Total Hours	120 hrs.