

Political Science



Why Study Abroad?

- Understand the world from an international perspective
- Broaden your academic horizon
- Improve your language skills
- Enhance your problem solving and cross-cultural communication skills

Students have studied in:

- Brazil
- India
- Netherlands
- Prague
- Turkey
- Wales

*This is not an exhaustive list!

Deadlines & Requirements

- For spring: October 15th
- For summer: April 1st
- For fall/yearlong: April 15th
- 2.5 GPA

*Deadlines may vary!

When is the best time to study abroad?

Students are eligible to study abroad as soon as the summer after their freshman year. For Political Science majors, the timing of study abroad is not especially important. While abroad focus on taking upper division elective courses and pre-approved Political Science requirements.

Potential Internship Opportunities

- Institute for International Relations in Prague
- Thai Freedom House in Chiang Mai
- Parliament offices in London

This advising sheet will help you plan for a study abroad experience. You should begin the process of planning for your study abroad program now. Courses are subject to change depending on the semester and **these are not the only options. Contact ILO for an advising appointment.*

Political Science

Courses required for the Political Science major or minor are offered in a number of different locations. The lists below by no means represent an exhaustive list of locations where courses are available. If there is a place you are interested in going that is not listed, contact the ILO Office to see what courses might be available in that location.

Boise State Political Science Courses available abroad

POLS 306 Introduction to International Relations	Chiang Mai
POLS 403 Introduction to Public Administration	Kristiansand
POLS 409 Environmental Politics	Kristiansand
POLS 420 Comparative Foreign Policy	Chengdu, Santiago
POLS 421 International Law and Organization	Aarhus, Bilbao, Torino
POLS 423 Latin American Politics	Florianópolis, Heredia, Kristiansand, La Habana, Puntarenas, Santiago
POLS 425 Politics in Asia	Bangalore, Chiang Mai, Chengdu, Shanghai
POLS 426 European Politics	Aarhus, Alicante, Bilbao, Cork, Kristiansand, Lyon – ESDES, Lyon – USAC, Lüneburg, Madrid, Prague, Reggio Emilia, Torino
POLS 427 Politics of Africa	Accra
POLS 428 Seminar in Contemporary Comparative Politics	Accra, Bangalore, Chiang Mai, Florianópolis, Kristiansand, La Habana, Lüneburg, Lyon – USAC, Pau, Prague, Puntarenas, Santiago, Shanghai
POLS 429 International Political Economy	Florianópolis, Heredia, Kristiansand, Prague, Santiago
POLS 431 Seminar in Contemp. International Relations	Aarhus, Accra, Alicante, Cork, Florianópolis, Galway, Heredia, Kristiansand, La Habana, Lüneburg, Prague, Puntarenas, Santiago, Torino
POLS 432 Civil War and Terrorism	Lüneburg

Upper Division Political Science Electives

The list above is just a few of the many Political Science courses offered abroad. Often, even if a course is not the direct equivalent of a Political Science course offered at Boise State, it can still count towards credits required for your emphasis area. Any upper division Political Science elective can count towards the upper division Political Science elective credits required for the major or minor.

Disciplinary Lens Courses (DLs)

It is also possible to fulfill some of the disciplinary lens requirements while abroad, particularly the DLN (Non-Lab Science), DLL (Literature and Humanities), DLS (Social Science), and DLV (Visual and Performing Arts) requirements. Even if the course is not equivalent to a course on the approved list, you can contact Foundational Studies to see if they will approve a substitution.

Course Finder

A full list of all pre-approved courses can be found on the ILO website: <http://international.boisestate.edu/academic-information/coursefinder/>. Be aware that not every course is offered during every term, so you should consult both the program website and the Course Finder when planning your courses. It is also important to meet with your academic advisor, to ensure that you are staying on track with regard to your academic plan.

Approval Process

It is possible to take courses that are not listed on the Course Finder. If you would like a course to count as an equivalent to a specific Boise State course, you must take a course description or syllabus to the chair of the appropriate academic department. If the course is not something Boise State offers (i.e., Italian History), the course will simply count as an elective.