

Accelerated Graduate Program in Political Science

What is an accelerated graduate program?

This program allows qualified, admitted students to double-count 9 credits of graduate courses for undergraduate courses, allowing you to begin graduate courses before completing your B.A. This program can save you one term of graduate study, and is a great way to earn a BA and MA in about 5 years!

How do you apply?

Meet with your academic advisor and Dr. Ryan Burge, the graduate coordinator in Political Science. The following requirements must be met:

- 3.25 undergraduate cumulative gpa
- 60 hours of undergraduate credit
- Completed or enrolled in at least 9 hours of Political Science, with 6 at the 3000-4000 level.
- 2 letters of reference
- Professional goals statement

How do courses count?

Once admitted, you will select classes with advice from your academic advisor and Dr. Burge (rpburge@eiu.edu). You must submit an Accelerated Program Course Request form for the classes you plan to take. The form must be approved by the Graduate School before you enroll in classes. The department chair will enroll you in Z sections of the graduate courses, which indicates on your transcript that you completed an accelerated class.

You can learn more here: www.eiu.edu/poliscigrad/accelerated.php