

# MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW, POLITICS, AND GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATION

Political science majors must achieve a minimum grade of C (2.000) in each of the political science (POLS) courses counted toward meeting the requirement of the major. Students may enroll in either the standalone major or (at most) one of the concentrations under the Major in Political Science.

Upper-Division course in at least four subfields of political science required to register for POLS 492.

## Major Completion Map

### Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

#### *Freshman*

| Semester 1   |   | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits   |
|--|---|----------|-------------|------|-----------|
| CO 150   | College Composition (GT-CO2)              | X        |             | 1A   | 3         |
| POLS 101   | American Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | X        |             | 3C   | 3         |
| Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )  |   |          | X           | 3B   | 3         |
| Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> ) |   |          | X           | 3A   | 4         |
| Elective   |   |          | X           |      | 2         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   |   |          |             |      | <b>15</b> |

| Semester 2  |  | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits   |
|---|--|----------|-------------|------|-----------|
| POLS 160  | Introduction to Public Policy and Service (GT-SS1) |          |             | 3C   | 3         |
| 1B ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#aucc</a> )  |  | X        |             | 1B   | 3         |
| Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )                     |  |          | X           | 3B   | 3         |
| Historical Perspectives ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> ) |  |          | X           | 3D   | 3         |
| Elective  |  |          | X           |      | 3         |
| CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.  |  | X        |             |      |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |          |             |      | <b>15</b> |

#### *Sophomore*

| Semester 3   |                                  | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|------|-----------|
| POLS 232   | International Relations (GT-SS1) | X        |             | 1C   | 3         |
| International Relations/Comparative Politics/Public Policy and Administration/Political Theory requirement (See Department list on Concentration Requirements tab)   |                                  | X        |             |      | 0-3       |
| Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)   |                                  | X        |             |      | 3-9       |
| Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> ) |                                  |          | X           | 3A   | 3         |
| Electives  |                                  |          | X           |      | 0-9       |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   |                                  |          |             |      | <b>18</b> |

| Semester 4                            |  | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|-------------|------|---------|
| POLS 241                              | Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)             | X        |             | 1C   | 3       |
| Select one course from the following: |  | X        |             |      | 3       |
| CO 300                                | Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)                               |          |             | 2    |         |
| CO 301A                               | Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3) |          |             | 2    |         |
| CO 301B                               | Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)            |          |             | 2    |         |
| CO 301C                               | Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)     |          |             | 2    |         |
| CO 301D                               | Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)           |          |             | 2    |         |
| CO 302                                | Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)                 |          |             | 2    |         |

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|---|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| JTC 300   | Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-C03) |                 |                    | 2           |                |
| LB 300  | Specialized Professional Writing             |                 |                    | 2           |                |
| American Politics and Law (300-level only; see list on Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3              |
| Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)  |  |                 |                    |             | 0-3            |
| Electives   |  |                 | X                  |             | 3-6            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |                 |                    |             | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Junior</b>   |  |                 |                    |             |                |
| <b>Semester 5</b>   |  | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Recommended</b> | <b>AUCC</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
| International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Policy and Administration, Political Theory (course not taken previously; see list below) |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| American Politics and Law (courses not taken previously; see list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Electives   |  |                 | X                  |             | 0-9            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |                 |                    |             | <b>18</b>      |
| <b>Semester 6</b>   |  | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Recommended</b> | <b>AUCC</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
| Political Theory/Analytic Tools (Select one course from the following):   |  | X               |                    |             | 3              |
| POLS 320  | Empirical Political Analysis                 |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| POLS 420  | History of Political Thought                 |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| POLS 421  | Contemporary Political Theories              |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| POLS 422  | Democratic Theory                            |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| POLS 423  | American Political Theories                  |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| POLS 459  | Program Evaluation for Public Administrators |                 |                    | 4A,4B       |                |
| Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Electives   |  |                 | X                  |             | 3-6            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |                 |                    |             | <b>12</b>      |
| <b>Senior</b>   |  |                 |                    |             |                |
| <b>Semester 7</b>   |  | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Recommended</b> | <b>AUCC</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
| American Politics and Law (courses not taken previously; see list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Electives   |  |                 | X                  |             | 0-6            |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |                 |                    |             | <b>12</b>      |
| <b>Semester 8</b>   |  | <b>Critical</b> | <b>Recommended</b> | <b>AUCC</b> | <b>Credits</b> |
| POLS 492  | Capstone Seminar                             | X               |                    | 4A,4B,4C    | 3              |
| Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)  |  | X               |                    |             | 3-6            |
| Electives   |  |                 | X                  |             | 6-9            |
| The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.  |  | X               |                    |             |                |
| <b>Total Credits</b>  |  |                 |                    |             | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Program Total Credits:</b>   |  |                 |                    |             | <b>120</b>     |