

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, U.S. GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

Requirements Effective Fall 2018

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.

Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
POLS 101	American Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
POLS 103	State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)		3B	6
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		3A	4
Historical Perspectives (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)		3D	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitativereasoning)		1B	3
Electives			5
Total Credits			30

Sophomore

POLS 232	International Relations (GT-SS1)	1C	3
POLS 241	Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	1C	3
Select one course from the following:			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	
JTC 300	Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3)	2	
LB 300	Specialized Professional Writing	2	
Tier Four: Select one course from the following (see list below) ^{1,2}			3
POLS 302	U.S. Political Parties and Elections	4A,4B	
POLS 303	Politics of Organized Interests	4A,4B	
POLS 304	Legislative Politics		
POLS 305	Judicial Politics		
POLS 306	Executive Politics		
POLS 309	Urban Politics		
POLS 351	Public Administration		
POLS 361	U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy		
POLS 364	Air, Climate, and Energy Policy Analysis		

POLS 3** Tier Three (300-level courses only; see list below) ^{2,3}		0-3
Support Option (see list below)		3-12
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)	3A	3
Electives		12
Total Credits		33
Junior		
Tier Two: Select one course from the following:		3
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 *** Tier Three (courses not taken previously; see list below) ^{2,3}		3-6
POLS *** Tier Four (courses not taken previously; see list below) ^{1,2}		3-6
Support Option (see list below)		6-12
Electives ⁴		3-12
Total Credits		30
Senior		
POLS 492 (Tier Five) ⁵ Capstone Seminar	4A,4B,4C	3
POLS *** Tier Four (courses not taken previously; see list below) ^{1,2}		3-6
Support Option (see list below)		6-12
Electives ⁴		3-15
Total Credits		27
Program Total Credits:		120

U.S. Government, Law, and Policy Concentration Tier Requirements

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
TIER ONE COURSES			
12 credits, four courses taken in the freshman and sophomore years as shown above			
POLS 101	American Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
POLS 103	State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	3C	3
POLS 232	International Relations (GT-SS1)	1C	3
POLS 241	Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	1C	3
TIER TWO COURSES			
3 credits, one course taken in the junior year, as shown above			
POLS 420	History of Political Thought	4A,4B	3
POLS 421	Contemporary Political Theories	4A,4B	3
POLS 422	Democratic Theory	4A,4B	3
POLS 423	American Political Theories	4A,4B	3
TIER THREE COURSES			
Select 6 unique credits, one course from each of the two different subfields below, taken in the sophomore, junior and/or senior years ^{2,3}			
International Relations			
POLS 331	Politics and Society Along Mexican Border		3

POLS 332/ECON 332	International Political Economy	3
POLS 362	Global Environmental Politics	3
POLS 431	International Law	3
POLS 433	International Organization	3
POLS 435	United States Foreign Policy	3
POLS 436	Comparative Foreign Policy	3
POLS 437	International Security	3

Comparative Politics

POLS 341	Western European Government and Politics	3
POLS 345	Russian, Central, and East European Politics	3
POLS 347	Comparative Authoritarianism	3
POLS 442	Environmental Politics in Developing World	3
POLS 443	Comparative Social Movements	3
POLS 444	Comparative African Politics	3
POLS 445	Comparative Asian Politics	3
POLS 446	Politics of South America	3
POLS 447	Politics in Mexico, Central America, Caribbean	3
POLS 448	Comparative Racial/Ethnic Politics	4A,4B 3
POLS 449	Middle East Politics	4A,4B 3

TIER FOUR COURSES

Select 12 unique credits, with at least one course from each of the first two subfields below, taken in the sophomore, junior and/or senior years ^{1,2}

American Politics and Law

POLS 302	U.S. Political Parties and Elections	4A,4B 3
POLS 303	Politics of Organized Interests	4A,4B 3
POLS 304	Legislative Politics	3
POLS 305	Judicial Politics	3
POLS 306	Executive Politics	3
POLS 309	Urban Politics	3
POLS 405	Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics	4A,4B 3
POLS 409	Urban and Regional Politics	3
POLS 410	American Constitutional Law	3
POLS 413	U.S. Civil Rights and Liberties	3

Public Policy and Administration

POLS 351	Public Administration	3
POLS 361	U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy	3
POLS 364	Air, Climate, and Energy Policy Analysis	3
POLS 451	Public Policy Design and Governance	3
POLS 459	Program Evaluation for Public Administrators	3
POLS 460	Public Policy Process	3
POLS 462	Globalization, Sustainability, and Justice	3
POLS 463	Urban Policy and Management	3
POLS 465	Public Policy Analysis	3

A maximum of six credits from the following may be used to fulfill the Tier Four requirement:

POLS 392	Washington DC Semester Seminar
POLS 486A	Practicum: Legislative Politics
POLS 486B	Practicum: Government
POLS 487	Internship – Washington DC Semester
POLS 496	Washington DC Semester Colloquium Group Study

TIER FIVE COURSE

3 credits, one course taken in the senior year

POLS 492	Capstone Seminar ⁵	4A,4B,4C	3
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Support Option

Political Science majors must complete one of the following five Support Options.

SOC 210 The Power of Numbers–Statistics in Sociology

SOC 311 Sociological Research Methods

Minor or Interdisciplinary Minor Support Option

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minor or interdisciplinary minor in consultation with advisor.		21-24

¹ Select a minimum of 12 upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits to fulfill Tier Four. Sophomores may take only 300-level courses from this section.² Courses selected to fulfill Tier Three requirements may not also fulfill Tier Four requirements, and vice versa.³ Sophomores may take only 300-level Tier Three courses.⁴ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).⁵ Students must complete one upper-division course in each of four of the five departmental subfields (American Politics, Political Theory, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Public Policy and Administration) prior to taking POLS 492.**Student-Selected Course Group Support Option**

Code	Title	Credits
A program of courses proposed by student and approved by advisor containing a minimum of 21 credits, of which at least 12 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).		21

Second Major Support Option

Code	Title	Credits
Select a second major in consultation with advisor. This option may require as much as 36 credits. Credit range shown is approximate, and may require more or less, depending on the second major chosen.		27-36

Foreign Language Support Option

Code	Title	Credits
A minimum of 5 courses totaling at least 15 credits in a single foreign language, including at least 2 courses of language instruction or in the language at the upper-division level.		15-22

Methods Support Option

Code	Title	Credits
Methods Support Option		21
POLS 320	Empirical Political Analysis	3
STAT 301	Introduction to Applied Statistical Methods	3
Select two from the following:		6
PHIL 120	History and Philosophy of Scientific Thought (GT-AH3)	
PHIL 327	Philosophy of Behavioral Sciences	
PHIL 415	Logic and Scientific Method	
Select one from the following:		3
STAT 305	Sampling Techniques	
STAT 340	Multiple Regression Analysis	
STAT 350	Design of Experiments	
Select two from the following:		6
ANTH 441	Method in Cultural Anthropology	
AREC 335/ ECON 335	Introduction to Econometrics	