

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR PLANNER

Use this worksheet to plan how you will fulfill the requirements for the major in political science. **If you need any assistance with this form, please contact a faculty advisor. Plan your courses with a faculty advisor as early in your studies as possible and meet with an advisor at least once a year.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

LOWER DIVISION

Section A: REQUIRED COURSES (12 units)

Course	Semester (If currently enrolled in the courses, please write "IP" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)	Institution (e.g. SJSU, De Anza, Mission, etc.)	Grade	Units
POLS 1 or POLS 15 Intro to American Government				
POLS 2 Intro to Comparative Politics				
POLS 3 Intro to Political Thought				
POLS 4 Intro to International Relations				
Total Section A Units				

UPPER DIVISION

Section B: ONE course from each of the four major subfields of Political Science (14-15 units)

	Course	Semester (If currently enrolled in the courses, please write "IP" for "In Progress" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)	Grade	Units
U.S. Government and Politics (POLS 1 or 15 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 102-108, 111, 114, 121A, 122, or 130				
Comparative Politics (POLS 2 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 140-148				
International Relations (POLS 4 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 152-157				
Political Thought (POLS 3 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 160-163				
Total Section B units				

Section C: Upper Division Electives in the Major ** (9-12 units)

Three additional courses from POLS 102-199

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Total Section C units			

**Students may not use POLS 120, POLS 150, or POLS 170V as an upper division POLS elective.

Section D: Additional Major Requirements (11-12 units)

Course	Semester <i>(If currently enrolled in the course, please write "IP" for "In Progress" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)</i>	Grade	Units
100W: Writing Workshop (should ideally be taken junior year) (3 units)			
100M Political Inquiry (should ideally be taken sophomore or junior year) (4 units)			
Required Capstone Course: POLS 190 Senior Seminar or POLS 181C Capstone Internship Prerequisites: 100M and 100W (4 units)			
Optional Honors Thesis (1 unit) Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in 190, 3.2 overall GPA, 3.5 GPA in Political Science Request add code from instructor			
Total Section D units			

ADDING IT ALL UP: TOTAL UNITS IN THE MAJOR

	Units
Section A: Lower Division Required Courses	
Section B: Upper Division Subfield Requirements	
Section C: Upper Division Electives in the Major	
Section D: Upper Division Additional Major Requirements (100W, 100M, 190)	
Total (46-50 units)	

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

GENERAL EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (53 units)

- Physical Education (2 units)
- Core GE (39 units). POLS 2, POLS 3, POLS 4, POLS 15, and POLS 20 fulfill various GE requirements. POLS 2, POLS 3, POLS 4, and POLS 15 also fulfill requirements for the major.
- American Institutions (6 units). POLS 1 or POLS 15, and HIST 15 or HIST 170 together fulfill this requirement.
- SJSU Studies (12 units). POLS 100W (Area Z), POLS 120 (Area S), POLS 150 (Area V), and POLS 170V (Area V) fulfill SJSU Studies requirements. *See Department Chair to request an exception to this rule (if you have a Double Major or a Minor, for example).*
- To avoid problems when you apply for graduation, please be aware of these university requirements. A minimum of 40 units must be upper division. A minimum of 30 units must be earned at SJSU (24 of these must be upper division and 12 must be in political science).
- **TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: 120**

CONSIDER A MINOR

Since you need 120 total credits to graduate you might also consider a minor, although a minor is not required. Political science students may choose any course offered by the university—including additional political science courses—as elective credits to reach the 120 units required. Political science students, however, are strongly encouraged to consider a minor program that will complement the major or provide organized study in an area of interest.

Popular minors for Political Science majors include: African American Studies, Anthropology, Applied Research Methods, Asian American Studies, Business, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Communication Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Global Studies, History, Human Rights, Justice Studies, Legal Studies, Psychology, Public Administration & Public Policy, Sociology, Urban Studies, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and many more! Consult an advisor for suggestions.