

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Requirements

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/gwar-certifying-courses/>)" in the University Catalog.

Minor Requirements

Single field major, no minor required.

Major Requirements (45 units)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
1. Research Methods ¹		6
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 301	Statistical Analysis in Political Science	3
2. Cornerstone Requirements. Take one course from each area of Political Science as follows:		12
a. American Government		
POL 315	Congress and the President	
b. International Relations		
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	
c. Comparative Politics		
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
d. Political Theory		
POL 342	Government and Politics of the Middle East	
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	
3. Depth in Political Science		12
Select one course from each group a through d below		12
a. American Government, Law and Politics		
Select one course from the following;		
POL 310	Current Issues in American Government	

POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems
POL 314	American Political Parties and Elections
POL 325	Women and Politics in the United States
POL 360	American Constitutional Law: Distribution of Power
POL 361	American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights
POL 370	Public Opinion and Propaganda
b. International Relations	
Select one course from the following:	
POL 332	International Security
POL 334	American Foreign Policy
POL 372	International Institutions
POL 373	International Political Economy
c. Comparative Politics	
Select one course from the following:	
POL 341	Gov and Politics of East Asia
POL 342	Government and Politics of the Middle East
POL 343	Political Behavior in Latin America
POL 344	Latin America: The Revolutionary Tradition
POL 345	Democratization
POL 347	Comparative Political Parties
d. Political Theory:	
Select one course from the following:	
POL 319	Horror and Politics
POL 351	Modern Political Thought
POL 352	Democratic Theory
POL 354	American Political Thought
POL 355	Politics and Political Theory through Film
POL 356	Political Theory and Science Fiction
POL 357	Food Politics

Concentrations

American Government, Law and Politics Concentration		45
A. Common Core		
See all "Common Core" requirements above		
B. Required Courses		
Select three courses from the following (9 units)		
POL 310	Current Issues in American Government	
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	
POL 314	American Political Parties and Elections	
POL 325	Women and Politics in the United States	
POL 360	American Constitutional Law: Distribution of Power	
POL 361	American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights	
POL 370	Public Opinion and Propaganda	
C. Upper-division Electives (6 units)		
Select two additional upper-division political science courses with departmental advisement. Also see "Political Science Electives" below.		
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration		45
A. Common Core (30 units)		
See all "Common Core" requirements above.		
B. Required Courses (12 units)		

Select four courses from the following IR/CP courses. Courses chosen for Depth in Political Science may not be double-counted for the concentration.²

POL 332	International Security
POL 333	International Relations of East Asia
POL 334	American Foreign Policy
POL 336	Theories of International Relations
POL 337	European International Relations
POL 339	Model United Nations
POL 341	Gov and Politics of East Asia
POL 342	Government and Politics of the Middle East
POL 343	Political Behavior in Latin America
POL 344	Latin America: The Revolutionary Tradition
POL 345	Democratization
POL 347	Comparative Political Parties
POL 372	International Institutions
POL 373	International Political Economy
POL 374	International Human Rights

C. Upper Division Electives (3 units)

Select one additional upper-division Political Science course with departmental advisement. Also see "Political Science Electives" below.

Political Theory Concentration 45

A. Common Core (30 units)

See all "Common Core" requirements above.

B. Upper-division Required Courses (9 units)

Select three courses from the following Political Theory courses. Courses chosen for Depth in Political Science may not be double-counted for the concentration.

POL 319	Horror and Politics
POL 351	Modern Political Thought
POL 352	Democratic Theory
POL 354	American Political Thought
POL 355	Politics and Political Theory through Film
POL 356	Political Theory and Science Fiction
POL 357	Food Politics

C. Upper-Division Electives (6 units)

Select two additional upper-division political science courses with departmental advisement. Also see "Political Science Electives" below.

General Political Science Concentration 45

A. Common Core (30 units)

See all "Common Core" requirements above.

B. Upper-division Electives (15 units)

Select five additional upper-division political science courses with departmental advisement (15 units). Courses chosen for Depth in Political Science may not be double counted for the concentration. Also see "Political Science Electives" below.

Political Science Electives

Any upper-division Political Science course, including from any concentration above, may count as an elective for degree satisfaction, with the following exceptions.

Other Elective Courses

Availability of "other" elective courses varies. See the schedule of classes and/or consult with the department chair about availability.

POL 304	Basic Concepts of Law: Substantive
POL 305	Basic Concepts of Law: Procedural
POL 318	Public Policy Choices: Distribution of Wealth
POL 320	Urban Government and Policy Choices
POL 323	Black Politics
POL 328	Cultural Pluralism in American Politics
POL 331	International Terrorism
POL 349	Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa
POL 366	Criminal Law and Procedures
POL 371	Conflict, Violence, Nonviolence and Peace
POL 375	Technical Policy and the Future
POL 401	Political and Public Sector Leadership
POL 494	Independent Study
POL 495	Special Topics in Political Science
POL 496	Internships in Political Science

- Courses counted towards the Common Core or as upper-division required courses within any concentration may not also be counted as electives for degree satisfaction (no double-counting of any course is allowed).
- Only one POL 494 (independent study) course may be counted as an elective for degree satisfaction.
- POL 495 (variable subject) courses may be counted more than once only if the subject matter of any subsequent course taken is significantly different than the first POL 495 course counted as an elective for degree satisfaction. Consultation with the department chair is advised.
- A maximum of two POL 496 (internship) courses may be counted as electives for degree satisfaction.

¹ POL 300 must be completed by the student within the first two semesters of taking any upper-division course for the major. POL 301 should be completed as soon as possible thereafter, preferably in the semester following successful completion of POL 300. POL 300 and POL 301 may not be taken concurrently. POL 300 is a prerequisite for POL 301.

² POL 33X courses and POL 37X courses in this section are International Relations courses and POL 34X courses are Comparative Politics courses. However, the chosen four courses may come from either area or any combination of the two.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Becomes conversant with the theories and conceptual frameworks of the major subfields of political science.
2. Applies critical analysis to political institutions, political issues, and political behavior at the international, national, and sub-national levels.
3. Accesses diverse information resources and utilize information from these sources effectively to develop and informed understanding of the dynamic political environment.
4. Understands and applies the techniques of quantitative political analysis, including the design, execution, and analysis of research.

5. Analyzes and evaluates the recent major issues, conflicts, and problems in American government institutions.
6. Assesses basic international political theories, principles, and practices, including the examination of international system characteristics and foreign policy decision-making.
7. Examines the sources and patterns of political continuity and change in selected countries in the First and Third Worlds
8. Critically analyzes the major political philosophies and schools of thought from Plato to the sixteenth century.
9. Understand the nature and development of the US constitutional system, with an emphasis on the separation of powers, federalism, police power, and the commerce clause.

General Political Science Concentration

4- Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area A2 Written Communication		3
GE Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning		3
GE Area C1 Arts Courses		3
GE Area D1 Perspectives on Individuals, Groups, and Society		3
GE Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area A1 Oral Communication		3
GE Area A3 Logic/Critical Thinking		3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences		3
GE Area B3 Science Laboratory		1
GE Area C2 Letters Course		3
POL 101	American Institutions	3
Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
HIS 101	History Of United States	3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences		3
Additional GE in Area C1 or C2		3
POL 100	General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (satisfies GE Area D2)	3
GE Area F Ethnic Studies		3
Hours		15
Spring		
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Elective to meet 120 units		3
Elective to meet 120 units		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)		3
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities		3
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science		3
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3

Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area	3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area	3
Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences	3
Hours	15
Spring	
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	2
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

2-Year Roadmap (transfer students)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)		3
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 100 (if needed) or Additional Upper Division POL Course		3
POL 101 (if needed) or Additional Upper Division POL Course		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science (POL common core)		3
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area		3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences		3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities		3
Additional Upper Division POL Course		3
Additional Upper Division POL Course		3
Additional Upper Division POL Course		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration

4- Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area A2 Written Communication		3
GE Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning		3
GE Area C1 Arts Courses		3
GE Area D1 Perspectives on Individuals, Groups, and Society		3
GE Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area A1 Oral Communication		3
GE Area A3 Logic/Critical Thinking		3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences		3
GE Area B3 Science Laboratory		1
GE Area C2 Letters Course		3
POL 101	American Institutions	3
Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
HIS 101	History Of United States	3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences		3
Additional GE in Area C1 or C2		3
POL 100	General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (satisfies GE Area D2)	3
GE Area F Ethnic Studies		3
Hours		15
Spring		
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Elective to meet 120 units		3
Elective to meet 120 units		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)		3
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Hours		15
Spring		
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Additional Upper Division POL Course		3

Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Hours	15
Spring	
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences	3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	2
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

2-Year Roadmap (transfer students)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)		3
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 100 (if needed) or International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
POL 101 (if needed) or International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science (POL common core)		3
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area		3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences		3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
International Relations and Comparative Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration

4- Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area A2 Written Communication		3
GE Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning		3

GE Area C1 Arts Courses	3
GE Area D1 Perspectives on Individuals, Groups, and Society	3
GE Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	3
Hours	15
Spring	
GE Area A1 Oral Communication	3
GE Area A3 Logic/Critical Thinking	3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences	3
GE Area B3 Science Laboratory	1
GE Area C2 Letters Course	3
POL 101 American Institutions	3
Hours	16
Second Year	
Fall	
HIS 101 History Of United States	3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences	3
Additional GE in Area C1 or C2	3
POL 100 General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (satisfies GE Area D2)	3
GE Area F Ethnic Studies	3
Hours	15
Spring	
POL 335 Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350 History of Political Ideas	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Hours	15
Third Year	
Fall	
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)	3
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences	3
POL 300 Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 315 Congress and the President	3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area	3
Hours	15
Spring	
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science	3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Major Course from "International Relations" Area	3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area	3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area	3
Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Hours	15
Spring	
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences	3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	2
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

2-Year Roadmap (transfer students)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course (select course with assistance of Dept. Advisor)		3
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 100 (if needed) or American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
POL 101 (if needed) or American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 301	Statistical Analysis in Political Science (POL common core)	3
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area		3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences		3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities		3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
American Government, Law, and Politics Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

Political Theory Concentration

4- Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area A2 Written Communication		3
GE Area B4 Quantitative Reasoning		3
GE Area C1 Arts Courses		3
GE Area D1 Perspectives on Individuals, Groups, and Society		3
GE Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area A1 Oral Communication		3
GE Area A3 Logic/Critical Thinking		3
GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences		3
GE Area B3 Science Laboratory		1
GE Area C2 Letters Course		3
POL 101	American Institutions	3
Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
HIS 101	History Of United States	3

GE Area B1 Physical Sciences OR B2 Life Sciences	3
Additional GE in Area C1 or C2	3
POL 100 General Education Political Science: World Perspectives (satisfies GE Area D2)	3
GE Area F Ethnic Studies	3
Hours	15
Spring	
POL 335 Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POL 350 History of Political Ideas	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	
Hours	12
Third Year	
Fall	
GWAR satisfying course	3
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences	3
POL 300 Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 315 Congress and the President	3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area	3
Hours	15
Spring	
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science	3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Major Course from "International Relations" Area	3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area	3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area	3
Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Additional Upper Division POL Course	3
Hours	15
Spring	
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences	3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	3
Elective to meet 120 units	2
Hours	14
Total Hours	117

2-Year Roadmap (transfer students)

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GWAR satisfying course		3
POL 312	State and Local Government: Organization and Problems	3
POL 300	Research Design in Political Science	3
POL 100 (if needed) or Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
POL 101 (if needed) or Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area B5 Integrative Studies in Natural Sciences		3
POL 301 Statistical Analysis in Political Science (POL common core)		3
POL 335	Introduction to International Relations	3
POL 340	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3

POL 350	History of Political Ideas	3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
Major Course from "International Relations" Area		3
Major course from "American, Law, & Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Comparative Politics" Area		3
Major Course from "Political Theory" Area		3
POL 315	Congress and the President	3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area D3 Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences		3
GE Area C3 Integrative Studies in the Humanities		3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Political Theory Concentration Course (see catalog)		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60