

Political Science, B.A. (120 Units)

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Units	Freshman		Sophomore		Junior		Senior	
	Fall 15-16	Spring 15-20	Fall 15-17	Spring 15-16	Fall 15-19	Spring 15-16	Fall 15-16	Spring 15
Milestones		Achieve fundamental skills & knowledge		Complete all lower level major core and all lower level GE	Meet with major faculty advisor to discuss electives and career goals	Complete all major core courses		Complete specialized courses in my field contributing to career goals
General Education	A1 (3 Units) Oral Communication *Must pass with a C or better	A3 (3 Units) Critical Thinking *Must pass with a C or better	B2 (3-4 Units) Life Sciences	D3 (3 Units) Social Science (fulfilled by PLSI 1)	IB (3 Units) Physical Universe & Its Life Forms	IC (3-4 Units) Arts & Humanities	ID (3-4 Units) Social, Political, & Economic Institutions	
	A2 (3 Units) Written Communication *Must pass with a C or better	B1 (3-4 Units) Physical Sciences	C2 (3-4 Units) Humanities	C1/C2 (3-4 Units) Arts or Humanities				
	B4 (3-4 Units) Quantitative Reasoning *Must pass with a C or better	B3 (0-3 Units) Lab	D1 (3 Units) American History	E1 (3 Units) Lifelong Understanding & Self Development				
		C1 (3-4 Units) Arts	D2 (3 Units) American Government (PLSI 2)					
Major		PLSI 1 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: GE A2 may be required] *Must pass with a C or better		PLSI 90 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI 110 OR 111 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI 150 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187
					PLSI 120 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: GE Foundation & Breadth Area D] *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187
					PLSI 140 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: PLSI 1] *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187		

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Additional Graduation Requirements	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	UDWS (0-4 Units) *Upper Division Writing Exam OR "W" Course (must pass with a C or better)	MI (3 Units) Multicultural/ International	Elective	Elective
	Elective						Elective	Elective
								Elective

FOOTNOTES:

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Other restrictions may apply. Please see your course catalog for detailed prerequisite/corequisite requirements.

Grade Requirements: CR/NC grading is not permitted in the Political Science major (except PLSI 158, PLSI 187).

General Education: Units in this area may be used toward a double major or minor (in something other than Political Science; see Double Major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.

Additional Graduation Requirements: Units in this area may be used toward a double major or minor. Students must earn a minimum of 120 units total to graduate. The number of required elective units may vary, depending on the amount of units earned from major and GE courses. Consult advisor for specifically recommended courses.

Upper Division Writing Skills requirement (UDWS): All undergraduate students must demonstrate competency in writing skills by passing the Upper Division Writing Exam (UDWE) or by obtaining a C or better in an approved upper division writing course, identified by the letter "W."

Substitutions: If a course substitution/waiver/exception is made for a major course that also meets a GE and/or MI and/or upper division writing requirement, the substituted course will only fulfill the major course requirement; the student must take an additional course to fulfill the other graduation requirement.

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Milestones		Achieve fundamental skills & knowledge	All lower level major core completed	All lower level GE completed	Meet with major faculty advisor to discuss upper-level electives and career goals	Complete all major core courses		Complete specialized courses in my field contributing to career goals
General Education	A1 (3 Units) Oral Communication *Must pass with a C or better	A3 (3 Units) Critical Thinking *Must pass with a C or better	B2 (3-4 Units) Life Sciences	D3 (3 Units) Social Science	IB (3 Units) Physical Universe & Its Life Forms	IC (3-4 Units) Arts & Humanities	ID (3-4 Units) Social, Political, & Economic Institutions	
	A2 (3 Units) Written Communication *Must pass with a C or better	B1 (3-4 Units) Physical Sciences	C2 (3-4 Units) Humanities	C1/C2 (3-4 Units) Arts or Humanities		MI (3 Units) Multicultural/International		
	B4 (3-4 Units) Quantitative Reasoning *Must pass with a C or better	B3 (0-3 Units) Lab	D1 (3 Units) American History	E1 (3 Units) Lifelong Understanding & Self Development				
		C1 (3-4 Units) Arts	D2 (3 Units) American Government					
Major		PLSI 1 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: GE A2] *Must pass with a C or better		PLSI 90 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI 110 OR 111 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI 150 (3 Units) *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187

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	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
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Major					PLSI 120 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: GE Foundation & Breadth Area D] *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187
					PLSI 140 (3 Units) [Pre-Req: PLSI 1] *Must pass with a C or better	PLSI Elective (3 Units) *Except PLSI 102, 187		
Electives	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	UDWS (0-4 Units) *Upper Division Writing Exam OR "W" Course (must pass with a C or better)		Elective	Elective
	Elective				Elective		Elective	Elective
								Elective

FOOTNOTES:

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Other restrictions may apply. Please see your course catalog for detailed prerequisite/corequisite requirements.

Grade Requirements: CR/NC grading is not permitted in the Political Science major.

General Education: Units in this area may be used toward a double major or minor (in something other than Political Science; see Double Major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.

Electives (33 units): Units in this area may be used toward a double major or minor. Students must earn a minimum of 120 units total to graduate. The number of required elective units may vary, depending on the amount of units earned from major and GE courses. The department highly recommends that the student select upper-division electives in at least three of the following disciplines: Anthropology, African American Studies, Economics, English, Geography, History, Chicano and Latin American Studies, Philosophy, Sociology, or City and Regional Planning. Consult advisor for specifically recommended courses.

Upper Division Writing Skills requirement (UDWS): All undergraduate students must demonstrate competency in writing skills by passing the Upper Division Writing Exam (UDWE) or by obtaining a C or better in an approved upper division writing course, identified by the letter "W."