

Political Science

Major Courses

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	QUARTER REQUIREMENT	SEMESTER COURSE	NOTES
Major Courses	POLS 112 American and California Government (4)	➔ POLS 1112 U.S. and California Government (3)	D1 GE on quarters
	POLS 180 Political Inquiry (4)	➔ POLS 1180 Political Inquiry (3)	
	POLS 225 Introduction to International Relations (4)	➔ POLS 2225 Introduction to International Relations (3)	
	POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics (4)	➔ POLS 2229 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)	
	POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought (4)	➔ POLS 2230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought (3)	
	POLS 359 Research Design (4)	➔ POLS 3359 Research Design (3)	
	POLS 361 Data Analysis in Political Science (4)	➔ POLS 3361 Data Analysis in Political Science (3)	
	POLS 461 Senior Project I (2)	➔ POLS 4461 Senior Project I (2)	
	POLS 462 Senior Project II (2)	➔ POLS 4462 Senior Project II (2)	
Political Science Diversity and Inclusion Courses	Choose ONE from the following (4): POLS 308 POLS 310 POLS 343 POLS 380 POLS 417 POLS 419 POLS 445 POLS 457 POLS 459	➔ Choose ONE from the following (3): POLS 3308 POLS 3310 POLS 3343 POLS/RELS 3380 POLS 4417 POLS 4419 POLS 4445 POLS 4457 POLS 4459	Courses used in other areas of the major or concentration cannot be used here.



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Political Science

Elective, Concentration, and Support Courses

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Political Science Upper Division Electives	Choose any FOUR POLS upper division (300-400 level) elective courses (16).	Choose any FOUR POLS upper division (3000-4000 level) elective courses (12).	A total of 4 units of either POLS 386/3386 or POLS 387/3387 may count toward POLS Electives. Courses used in other areas of the major or concentration cannot be used here.
Concentration	Concentration Requirement Choose ONE of the following (28): American Politics Global Politics Pre-Law Individualized Course of Study See Political Science Concentration Guides on CLA Semester Conversion website for course requirements	Concentration Requirement Choose ONE of the following (21): US Politics Global Politics Pre-Law Individualized Course of Study See Political Science Concentration Guides on CLA Semester Conversion website for course requirements	Courses used in other areas of the major or concentration cannot be used here.
Support Courses	STAT 217 Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods (4) Choose any ONE 200 or 300-level ES or WGQS course (4) Choose ONE from the following (4): ANT 201 GEOG 150 HIST 110 HIST 111 HIST 222 HIST 223 SOC 110	STAT 1110 Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (3) Choose any ONE 2000 or 3000-level ES or WGQS course (3) Choose ONE from the following (3): ANT 2201 GEOG 1150 HIST 2211 HIST 2212 HIST 2222 HIST 2223 SOC 1110	B4 GE on quarters Some courses will fulfill Area F or D2 GE on quarters, see course description for GE credit Some courses will fulfill D2 GE on quarters, see course description for GE credit
Free Electives	FREE ELECTIVES	FREE ELECTIVES	Speak with a CLA Advisor to determine number of free electives required to meet the minimum 180 quarter unit requirement.



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Political Science: American Politics

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Concentration Courses



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Concentration Courses	Choose TWO from the following (8): POLS 315 POLS 319 POLS 341 POLS 342 POLS 348 POLS 349 POLS 417	Choose TWO from the following (6): POLS 3315 POLS 3319 POLS 3341 POLS 3342 POLS 3348 POLS 3349 POLS 4417	
	Choose TWO from the following (8): POLS 310 POLS 316 POLS 317 POLS 419 POLS 445 POLS 457 POLS 459	Choose TWO from the following (6): POLS 3310 POLS 3316 POLS 3317 POLS 4419 POLS 4445 POLS 4457 POLS 4459	
	Choose TWO from the following (8): POLS 338 POLS 351 POLS 375 POLS 386* POLS 387* POLS 431 POLS 440 POLS 451 POLS 470 POLS 471	Choose TWO from the following (6): POLS 3338 POLS 3351 POLS 3375 POLS 3386* POLS 3387* POLS 4431 POLS 4440 POLS 4451 POLS 4470 POLS 4458	*A total of 4 units of either POLS 386/3386 or POLS 387/3387 may count toward concentration.
Approved Electives	Choose ONE unused course in this concentration (4).	Choose ONE unused course in this concentration (3).	A total of 4 units of either POLS 386/3386 or POLS 387/3387 may count toward concentration.



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Political Science: Pre-Law

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Concentration Courses	QUARTER REQUIREMENT	SEMESTER COURSE	NOTES
	POLS 245 Judicial Process (4)	➔ POLS 2245 Judicial Process (3)	
	POLS 334 Jurisprudence (4)	➔ POLS 3334 Jurisprudence (3)	
	POLS 341 American Constitutional Law (4)	➔ POLS 3341 U.S. Constitutional Law (3)	
	POLS 343 Civil Rights in America (4)	➔ POLS 3343 Civil Rights in the U.S. (3)	
	POLS 344 Civil Liberties (4)	➔ POLS 3344 Civil Liberties (3)	

Approved Electives	Choose TWO from the following (8):	Choose TWO from the following (6-8):	*A total of 4 units of either POLS 386/3386 or POLS 387/3387 may count toward concentration.
	BUS 207 BUS 409 BUS 410 CRP/NR 404 CRP/NR 408 CRP 420 ES 380 JOUR 302 LS 214 PHIL 334 POLS 295 POLS 340 POLS 342 POLS 384 POLS 386* POLS 387* POLS 417 POLS 426 POLS 445 POLS 457 PSY 375 SOC 402 SOC 406 SOC 412	➔	BUS 2207 BUS 4409 BUS 4410 CRP/NR 4404 CRP/NR 4408 CRP 4420 ES 3380 JOUR 3302 LS 3214 PHIL 3334 POLS 2295 POLS 3340 POLS 3342 POLS 3384 POLS 3386* POLS 3387* POLS 4417 POLS 4426 POLS 4445 POLS 4457 PSY 3375 SOC 4402 SOC 4406 SOC 4412



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Political Science: Individualized Course of Study

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Concentration Courses	QUARTER REQUIREMENT	SEMESTER COURSE	NOTES
	ICS concentration consists of 28 quarter units; a minimum of 28 quarter units of coursework are selected by the student and approved by the student’s academic advisor. 20 of these units must be at the 300-400 or 3000-4000 level and 16 quarter units must carry a POLS prefix. The student selects the courses in consultation with the concentration coordinator and department head, and provide written justification for the courses and the way they constitute a cohesive, integrated program of study. The list of courses serves as a contract between the student and the Political Science Department. See course conversion guide at semester.calpoly.edu for semester versions of your approved ICS courses (available winter 2026)		Consult with Concentration Advisor to confirm total quarter units completed while under semesters.



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