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Political Science

Major Courses

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



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Elective and Support Courses

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	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
Upper Division Electives	Choose any FOUR POLS upper division (3000-4000 level) elective courses not otherwise taken for major or concentration (12).	Choose any FOUR POLS upper division (300-400 level) elective courses not otherwise taken for major or concentration (16).	Courses used in other areas of the major or concentration cannot also be used here
Concentration	Concentration Requirement Choose ONE from 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	Concentration Requirement Choose ONE from 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	
Support Courses	STAT 1110 Applied Statistical Concepts and Methods (3)	Choose ONE from the following (4): STAT 217 Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods STAT 218 Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences	Area 2 GE on semesters B4 GE on quarters
	Choose ONE from the following (3): ANT 2201 GEOG 1150 HIST 2222 HIST 2223 SOC 1110	Choose ONE from the following (4): ANT 201 GEOG 150 HIST 222 HIST 223 SOC 110	4BGE on semesters D2 GE on quarters
Free Electives	FREE ELECTIVES	FREE ELECTIVES	Speak with a CLA Advisor to determine number of free electives required to meet the minimum 120 semester unit requirement.



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General Education (GE)

for POLITICAL SCIENCE

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	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
Lower Division GEs	1A: Written Communication (3)	➔ A2: Written Communication (4)	
	1B: Critical Thinking (3)	➔ A3: Critical Thinking (4)	
	1C: Oral Communication (3)	➔ A1: Oral Communication (4)	
	Area 2: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning STAT 1110 in support (3)	➔ B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning STAT 217/218 in support (4)	Will be fulfilled with support course
	3A: Arts (3)	➔ C1: Arts - Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theatre (4)	
	3B: Humanities - Literature, Philosophy, and Languages other than English (3)	➔ C2: Humanities - Literature, Philosophy, and Languages other than English (4)	
	4A: American Institutions POLS 1112 in the major (3)	➔ D1: American Institutions POLS 112 in the major (4)	Area 4 includes two lower-division courses (4A and 4B) and one upper-division course (see Upper-Division Area 4 below). These three courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.
	4B: Social and Behavioral Sciences Support Elective, see 26-28 major semester equivalency guide for course options. (3)	➔ D2: Lower-Division D Support Elective, see 26-28 major semester equivalency guide for course options and quarter course equivalent. (4)	4A and 4B GE will be fulfilled with major course
	5A: Physical Sciences (3)	➔ B1: Physical Sciences (4)	
	5B: Life Sciences (3)	➔ B2: Life Sciences (4)	
Upper Division GEs	5C: Laboratory (1) Embedded in a 5A or 5B	➔ B3: Laboratory (0) Embedded in a B1 or B2	
	Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3)	➔ Area F: Ethnic Studies (4)	
	Upper-Division Area 2 or Upper-Division Area 5 Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical & and Life Sciences (3)	➔ Upper-Division B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (4)	
	Upper-Division Area 3 Arts and Humanities (3)	➔ Upper-Division C Arts and Humanities (4)	
	Upper-Division Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences (3)	➔ Upper-Division D Social Sciences (4)	Area 4 includes two lower-division courses (4A and 4B) and one upper-division course. These three courses must come from at least two different course prefixes

Note: the following GEs on the 22-26 catalog will not be required for student who switch to the 26-28 semester catalog: lower division C GE, Area E GE, GE Electives.



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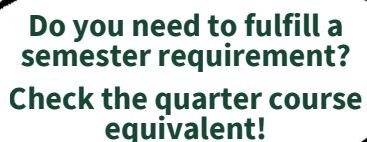
	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
Concentration Courses	Choose TWO from the following (6): POLS 3315 POLS 3319 POLS 3341 POLS 3348 POLS 3349 POLS 4417	Choose TWO from the following (8): POLS 315 POLS 319 POLS 341 POLS 348 POLS 349 POLS 417	
	Choose TWO from the following (6): POLS 3310 POLS 3316 POLS 3317 POLS 4419 POLS 4445 POLS 4457 POLS 4459	Choose TWO from the following (8): POLS 310 POLS 316 POLS 317 POLS 419 POLS 445 POLS 457 POLS 459	
	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	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	*A total of 3 units of either POLS 3386/386 or POLS 3387/387 may count toward the concentration.
Approved Electives	Choose ONE unused course from this concentration (3).	Choose ONE unused course from this concentration (4).	



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Concentration Courses	POLS 2245 Judicial Process (3)	➡	POLS 245 Judicial Process (4)	
	POLS 3334 Jurisprudence (3)	➡	POLS 334 Jurisprudence (4)	
	POLS 3341 U.S. Constitutional Law (3)	➡	POLS 341 American Constitutional Law (4)	
	POLS 3343 Civil Rights in the U.S. (3)	➡	POLS 343 Civil Rights in America (4)	
	POLS 3344 Civil Liberties (3)	➡	POLS 344 Civil Liberties (4)	
Approved Electives	Choose TWO from the following (6): BUS 2207 BUS 4409 BUS 4410 CRP/NR 4408 ES 3380 LS 3214 NR 4404 PHIL 3334 POLS 2295 POLS 3340 POLS 3342 POLS 3384 POLS 3386* POLS 3387* POLS 4417 POLS 4426 POLS 4445 POLS 4457	➡	Choose TWO from the following (8): BUS 207 BUS 409 BUS 410 CRP/NR 408 ES 380 LS 214 NR 404 PHIL 334 POLS 295 POLS 340 POLS 342 POLS 384 POLS 386* POLS 387* POLS 417 POLS 426 POLS 445 POLS 457	*A total of 3 units of either POLS 3386/386 or POLS 3387/387 may count toward concentration.



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Concentration Courses	SEMESTER REQUIREMENT	QUARTER COURSE	NOTES
	An Individualized Course of study consists of 21 semester units of coursework to be selected by the student and approved by the student's faculty advisor. 12 of the 21 units must be at the 3000-4000 (upper-division) level and 12 units must be a POLS prefix. The 12 units of upper-division coursework are not required to be the same 12 units as the POLS-prefix courses. The list of courses is a contract between the student and the 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 units.



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