

2011-13 Cal Poly Catalog**Political Science Department****BA POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- ☐ 60 units upper division ☐ GWR
 ☐ 2.0 GPA ☐ USCP

* = Required in Support; also satisfies GE

Note: No major, support or concentration courses may be taken as credit/no credit.

MAJOR COURSES

POLS 112 American and California Govt (D1)*	4
POLS 180 Political Inquiry	4
POLS 225 Introduction to International Relations ...	4
POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics	4
POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought	4
POLS 359 Research Design	4
POLS 361 Quantitative Methodology	4
POLS 481 Senior Project Seminar <i>or</i>	
POLS 461, 462 Senior Project I, II	4
² Political science electives (300–400 level)	20
(4 units maximum of POLS 386 <i>and/or</i> POLS 387)	
(9/21/15)	
Concentration courses <i>or</i> individualized course of study	28
	80

SUPPORT COURSES

Select one of the following:	4
HIST 110, 111, 222, 223; ANT 201; GEOG 150	
STAT 217 Intro to Statistical Concepts and	4/5
Methods (B1)* <i>or</i> STAT 221 Intro to Probability	
and Statistics (B1)*	
	8/9

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

72 units required, 8 of which are specified in Major and Support

→See page 39 for complete GE course listing.

→Minimum of 12 units required at the 300 level.

Area A Communication (12 units)

A1 Expository Writing	4
A2 Oral Communication	4
A3 Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing	4

Area B Science and Mathematics (16 units)

B1 Mathematics/Statistics * 4 units in Support plus	4
B2 Life Science	4
B3 Physical Science	4
B4 One lab taken with either a B2 or B3 course	
B5 elective	
Area B elective (select one course from B1-B5)	4

Area C Arts and Humanities (16 units)

C1 Literature	4
C2 Philosophy	4
C3 Fine/Performing Arts	4
C4 Upper-division elective	4

Area D/E Society and the Individual (16 units)

D1 American Exp. (40404) * 4 units in Major	0
D2 Political Economy	4

D3 Comparative Social Institutions	4
D4 Self Development (CSU Area E)	4
D5 Upper-division elective (Not POLS courses)	4
Area F Technology Elective (upper division)	4
	64
FREE ELECTIVES	27/28
	180

CONCENTRATIONS (select one)

Select a concentration or individualized course of study.

American Politics Concentration

POLS 315 The American Presidency	4
POLS 319 United States Congress	4
POLS 341 Constitutional Law	4
Choose any three of the following	12
POLS 316 Political Participation (4)	
POLS 317 Campaigns and Elections (4)	
POLS 348 Early American Political Thought <i>or</i> POLS	
349 Contemp. Amer. Political Thought (4)	
POLS 375 California Politics (4)	
POLS 419 Social Movements and Political Protest (4)	
POLS 431 Issues/Topics in Amer. Politics (4)	
POLS 471 Urban Politics (4)	
¹ Approved elective. <i>Select one course from:</i>	4
POLS 342, 386 (4 units max), 387 (4 units max), 445,	
451, 456, 459 or any unused course in this concentration	
(6/16/15)(12/17/15)	28

Global Politics Concentration

POLS 308 Political Violence and Conflict	
Resolution <i>or</i> POLS 381 Peace and War	4
POLS 320 Comparative Political Analysis	
<i>or</i> POLS 324 International Relations Theory	4
POLS 328 Politics of Developing Countries <i>or</i>	
POLS 383 Politics of the European Union	4
POLS 382 Comparative Foreign Policy <i>or</i> POLS	
420 Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy	4
POLS 322 International Political Activism <i>or</i>	
POLS 426 International Organizations and Law	
<i>or</i> POLS 427 Politics of the Global Economy	4
POLS 428 Issues and Topics in Comparative	
Politics <i>or</i> POLS 429 Issues and Topics in	
International Relations	4
¹ Approved elective. <i>Select one course from:</i>	4
POLS 285, 321, 380, 384, 386 (4 units max), 387	
(4 units max) or any unused course in this	
concentration	
(6/16/15)	28

¹ Consultation with advisor is recommended prior to selecting approved electives; bear in mind your selections may impact pursuit of post-baccalaureate studies and/or goals.

² A total of 4 units of either POLS 386 or POLS 387 may count toward each of the following areas: upper division Political Science electives; Concentration; Free Electives.
 Any combination of POLS 386 or POLS 387 may be taken for a maximum of 12 units total credit for the degree. (9/21/15)

Pre-Law Concentration

POLS 245 Judicial Process.....	4
POLS 341 American Constitutional Law.....	4
POLS 334 Jurisprudence.....	4
POLS 343 Civil Rights in America.....	4
POLS 344 Civil Liberties.....	4
¹ Approved electives. <i>Select two courses from:</i>	8
BUS 207, 308, 409, 410, 473;	
ES 380; JOUR 302; LS 214; NR 404; PHIL 334;	
POLS 295, 340, 342, 384, 386 (4 units max),	
387 (4 units max), 426, 445; (12/17/15)	
PSY 375; SOC 402, 406, 412	
(6/16/15)	28
Individualized Course of Study	28

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