

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, U.S. GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

Political science majors must achieve a minimum grade of C (2.000) in each of the political science (POLS) courses counted toward meeting the requirement of the major.

Upper-Division course in at least four subfields of political science required to register for POLS 492.

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150 College Composition (GT-CO2)		X	1A	3
POLS 101 American Government and Politics (GT-SS1)		X	3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			3A	4
Elective				2
Total Credits				15
Semester 2	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 103 State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1)		X	3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			3B	3
Historical Perspectives (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			3D	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitativereasoning)	X		1B	3
Elective				3
CO 150 must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
Total Credits				15

Sophomore

Semester 3	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 232 International Relations (GT-SS1)		X	1C	3
POLS 3** Tier Three (See Department list on Concentration Requirements Tab)				0-3
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)				3-12
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)		X	3A	3
Electives				6
Total Credits				18

Semester 4	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 241 Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)			1C	3
Select one course from the following:				3
CO 300 Writing Arguments (GT-CO3)		X	2	
CO 301A Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3)		X	2	
CO 301B Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3)		X	2	
CO 301C Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3)		X	2	
CO 301D Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3)		X	2	
CO 302 Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3)		X	2	
JTC 300 Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3)		X	2	

LB 300	Specialized Professional Writing	X	2		
Tier Four: Select one course from the following:				3	
POLS 302	U.S. Political Parties and Elections		4A,4B		
POLS 303	Politics of Organized Interests		4A,4B		
POLS 304	Legislative Politics				
POLS 305	Judicial Politics				
POLS 306	Executive Politics				
POLS 309	Urban Politics				
POLS 351	Public Administration				
POLS 361	U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy				
POLS 364	Air, Climate, and Energy Policy Analysis				
Electives				6	
Total Credits				15	
Junior					
Semester 5		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS*** Tier Three (See Department list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
POLS*** Tier Four (See Department list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Elective					0-3
Total Credits				18	
Semester 6		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Tier Two: Select one course from the following:					3
POLS 420	History of Political Thought		4A,4B		
POLS 421	Contemporary Political Theories		4A,4B		
POLS 422	Democratic Theory		4A,4B		
POLS 423	American Political Theories		4A,4B		
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Electives					3-9
Total Credits				12	
Senior					
Semester 7		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS*** Tier Four (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Elective					0-3
Total Credits				12	
Semester 8		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 492 (Tier Five)	Capstone Seminar	X		4A,4B,4C	3
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					3-6
Electives					3-12
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.					
Total Credits				15	
Program Total Credits:				120	