

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, GLOBAL POLITICS AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

The Global Politics and Policy concentration is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills to analyze political relationships between and within countries and to pursue careers in international affairs (<http://www.apsia.org/career-guide/>). Students will learn about different systems of government, state-society relations in various parts of the world, the ways that public and private actors interact through international institutions and the global economy, as well as the causes of and responses to domestic and international conflict. Global Politics and Policy students are strongly encouraged to study a foreign language (<http://languages.colostate.edu/>) and to complete some of their coursework in one of CSU's many study abroad programs (<http://educationabroad.colostate.edu/students/>).

Learning Outcomes

Students majoring in Political Science shall demonstrate the following:

- Ability to reason through political claims and assertions by political actors

- Skill in recognizing and responding to diverse ideological perspectives
- Ability to locate political issues and controversies within their relevant institutional and historical contexts
- Familiarity with the institutional processes of politics in numerous global and domestic political arenas
- Confidence in expressing opinions and presenting analyses of political problems and their solutions

Potential Occupations

Graduates may work for government agencies, intergovernmental organizations, international businesses, consulting firms or non-profit organizations in the U.S. and abroad.

For further information on declaring the Major in Political Science, Global Politics and Policy Concentration, please schedule an appointment with a College of Liberal Arts Academic Success Coordinator by calling 970-491-3117 or visit Clark C 207.

Requirements Effective Fall 2018

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.

Freshman

| | | AUCC | Credits |
|--|--|------|-----------|
| CO 150 | College Composition (GT-CO2) | 1A | 3 |
| POLS 101 | American Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 3C | 3 |
| POLS 103 | State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 3C | 3 |
| Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities) | | 3B | 6 |
| Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences) | | 3A | 4 |
| 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) | | 1B | 3 |
| Electives | | | 5 |
| Total Credits | | | 30 |

Sophomore

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|---------------------------------------|--|----|---|
| POLS 232 | International Relations (GT-SS1) | 1C | 3 |
| POLS 241 | Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 1C | 3 |
| Select one course from the following: | | | 3 |
| CO 300 | Writing Arguments (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| CO 301A | Writing in the Disciplines: Arts and Humanities (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| CO 301B | Writing in the Disciplines: Sciences (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| CO 301C | Writing in the Disciplines: Social Sciences (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| CO 301D | Writing in the Disciplines: Education (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| CO 302 | Writing in Digital Environments (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| JTC 300 | Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3) | 2 | |
| LB 300 | Specialized Professional Writing | 2 | |

Tier Four: Select one course from the following:^{1,2}

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| POLS 331 | Politics and Society Along Mexican Border | | |
| POLS 332/ECON 332 | International Political Economy | | |
| POLS 341 | Western European Government and Politics | | |
| POLS 345 | Russian, Central, and East European Politics | | |
| POLS 362 | Global Environmental Politics | | |
| POLS *** Tier Three (300-level courses only; see list below) ^{2,3} | | | 0-3 |
| Support Option (see list below) | | | 3-12 |
| Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences) | | 3A | 3 |
| Electives | | | 12 |
| Total Credits | | | 33 |
| Junior | | | |
| 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 | |
| POLS *** Tier Three (course not taken previously; see list below) ^{2,3} | | | 3-6 |
| POLS *** Tier Four (course not taken previously; see list below) ^{1,2} | | | 3-6 |
| Support Option (see list below) | | | 6-12 |
| Electives ⁴ | | | 3-12 |
| Total Credits | | | 30 |
| Senior | | | |
| POLS 492 (Tier Five) ⁵ | Capstone Seminar | 4A,4B,4C | 3 |
| POLS *** Tier Four (courses not taken previously; see list below) ^{1,2} | | | 3-6 |
| Support Option (see list below) | | | 6-12 |
| Electives ⁴ | | | 3-15 |
| Total Credits | | | 27 |
| Program Total Credits: | | | 120 |

Global Politics and Policy Concentration Tier Requirements

| Code | Title | AUCC | Credits |
|---|--|-------|---------|
| TIER ONE COURSES | | | |
| 12 credits, four courses taken in the freshman and sophomore years as shown above | | | |
| POLS 101 | American Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 3C | 3 |
| POLS 103 | State and Local Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 3C | 3 |
| POLS 232 | International Relations (GT-SS1) | 1C | 3 |
| POLS 241 | Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | 1C | 3 |
| TIER TWO COURSES | | | |
| 3 credits, one course taken in the junior year, as shown above | | | |
| POLS 420 | History of Political Thought | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 421 | Contemporary Political Theories | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 422 | Democratic Theory | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 423 | American Political Theories | 4A,4B | 3 |
| TIER THREE COURSES | | | |

Select 6 unique credits, two courses, one from each of the two different subfields below, taken in the sophomore, junior and/or senior years ^{2,3}

American Politics and Law

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| POLS 302 | U.S. Political Parties and Elections | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 303 | Politics of Organized Interests | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 304 | Legislative Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 305 | Judicial Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 306 | Executive Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 309 | Urban Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 405 | Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Politics | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 409 | Urban and Regional Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 410 | American Constitutional Law | | 3 |
| POLS 413 | U.S. Civil Rights and Liberties | | 3 |

Public Policy and Administration

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| POLS 351 | Public Administration | | 3 |
| POLS 361 | U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy | | 3 |
| POLS 364 | Air, Climate, and Energy Policy Analysis | | 3 |
| POLS 451 | Public Policy Design and Governance | | 3 |
| POLS 459 | Program Evaluation for Public Administrators | | 3 |
| POLS 460 | Public Policy Process | | 3 |
| POLS 462 | Globalization, Sustainability, and Justice | | 3 |
| POLS 463 | Urban Policy and Management | | 3 |
| POLS 465 | Public Policy Analysis | | 3 |

TIER FOUR COURSES

Select 12 unique credits, with at least one course from each of the first two subfields below, taken in the sophomore, junior and/or senior years ^{1,2}

International Relations

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| POLS 331 | Politics and Society Along Mexican Border | | 3 |
| POLS 332/ECON 332 | International Political Economy | | 3 |
| POLS 362 | Global Environmental Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 431 | International Law | | 3 |
| POLS 433 | International Organization | | 3 |
| POLS 435 | United States Foreign Policy | | 3 |
| POLS 436 | Comparative Foreign Policy | | 3 |
| POLS 437 | International Security | | 3 |

Comparative Politics

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| POLS 341 | Western European Government and Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 345 | Russian, Central, and East European Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 347 | Comparative Authoritarianism | | 3 |
| POLS 442 | Environmental Politics in Developing World | | 3 |
| POLS 443 | Comparative Social Movements | | 3 |
| POLS 444 | Comparative African Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 445 | Comparative Asian Politics | | 3 |
| POLS 446 | Politics of South America | | 3 |

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| POLS 447 | Politics in Mexico, Central America, Caribbean | | 3 |
| POLS 448 | Comparative Racial/Ethnic Politics | 4A,4B | 3 |
| POLS 449 | Middle East Politics | 4A,4B | 3 |

A maximum of six credits from the following may be used to fulfill the Tier Four requirement:

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| POLS 392 | Washington DC Semester Seminar | | |
| POLS 486A | Practicum: Legislative Politics | | |
| POLS 486B | Practicum: Government | | |
| POLS 487 | Internship – Washington DC Semester | | |
| POLS 496 | Washington DC Semester Colloquium Group Study | | |

TIER FIVE COURSES

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| 3 credits, one course taken in the senior year | | | |
| POLS 492 | Capstone Seminar ⁵ | 4A,4B,4C | 3 |

Support Option

Political Science majors must complete one of the following five Support Options.

Minor or Interdisciplinary Minor Support Option

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|---------|
| Select a minor or interdisciplinary minor in consultation with advisor. | | |
| | | 21-24 |

Student-Selected Course Group Support Option

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|---------|
| A program of courses proposed by student and approved by advisor containing a minimum of 21 credits, of which at least 12 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level). | | |
| | | 21 |

Second Major Support Option

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|---------|
| Select a second major in consultation with advisor. This option may require as much as 36 credits. Credit range shown is approximate, and may require more or less, depending on the second major chosen. | | |
| | | 27-36 |

Foreign Language Support Option

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|-------|---------|
| A minimum of 5 courses totaling at least 15 credits in a single foreign language, including at least 2 courses of language instruction or in the language at the upper-division level. | | |
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Methods Support Option

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--------------------------------|---|---------|
| Methods Course Option | | |
| | | 21 |
| POLS 320 | Empirical Political Analysis | 3 |
| STAT 301 | Introduction to Applied Statistical Methods | 3 |
| Select two from the following: | | |
| | | 6 |
| PHIL 120 | History and Philosophy of Scientific Thought (GT-AH3) | |
| PHIL 327 | Philosophy of Behavioral Sciences | |

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| PHIL 415 | Logic and Scientific Method | |
| Select one from the following: | | |
| STAT 305 | Sampling Techniques | 3 |
| STAT 340 | Multiple Regression Analysis | |
| STAT 350 | Design of Experiments | |
| Select two from the following: | | |
| ANTH 441 | Method in Cultural Anthropology | 6 |
| AREC 335/ ECON 335 | Introduction to Econometrics | |
| SOC 210 | The Power of Numbers--Statistics in Sociology | |
| SOC 311 | Sociological Research Methods | |

- ¹ Select a minimum of 12 upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits to fulfill Tier Four. Sophomores may take only 300-level courses from this section.
- ² Courses selected to fulfill Tier Three requirements may not also fulfill Tier Four requirements, and vice versa.
- ³ Sophomores may take only 300-level Tier Three courses.
- ⁴ Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).
- ⁵ Students must complete one upper-division course in each of four of the five departmental subfields (American Politics, Political Theory, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Public Policy and Administration) prior to taking POLS 492.

Major Completion Map

Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:

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.

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 241 Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1) | | | 1C | 3 |
| Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab) | | | | 3-12 |
| Tier Three (See Department list on Concentration Requirements Tab) | | | | 0-3 |
| Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences) | | X | 3A | 3 |
| Elective | | | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | | | 18 |

| Semester 4 | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 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 331 Politics and Society Along Mexican Border | | | | |
| POLS 332/ International Political Economy | | | | |
| ECON 332 | | | | |
| POLS 341 Western European Government and Politics | | | | |
| POLS 345 Russian, Central, and East European Politics | | | | |
| POLS 362 Global Environmental Politics | | | | |
| Electives | | | | 9 |
| Total Credits | | | | 15 |

| <i>Junior</i> | | | | |
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| Semester 5 | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits |
| Tier Three (See Department list on Concentration Requirements Tab) | | | | 3-6 |
| 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 |
| <i>Senior</i> | | | | |
| Semester 7 | Critical | Recommended | AUCC | Credits |
| 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 | | | | 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) | X | | | 3-6 |
| Electives | X | | | 3-12 |
| The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study. | X | | | |
| Total Credits | | | | 15 |
| Program Total Credits: | | | | 120 |