

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW, POLITICS, AND GOVERNMENT 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. Students may enroll in either the standalone major or (at most) one of the concentrations under the Major in Political Science.

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)			X	3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	4
Elective			X		2
Total Credits					15

Semester 2		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 160	Introduction to Public Policy and Service (GT-SS1)			3C	3
Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities)			X	3B	3
Historical Perspectives (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives)			X	3D	3
Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitativereasoning)		X		1B	3
Elective			X		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
International Relations/Comparative Politics/Public Policy and Administration/Political Theory requirement (See Department list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			0-3
Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-9
Biological and Physical Sciences (http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences)			X	3A	3
Electives			X		0-9
Total Credits					18

Semester 4		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 241	Comparative Government and Politics (GT-SS1)	X		1C	3
Select one course from the following:		X			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	

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JTC 300	Strategic Writing and Communication (GT-CO3)			2	
LB 300	Specialized Professional Writing			2	
American Politics and Law (300-level only; see list on Requirements tab)					3
Support Option (See option list on Concentration Requirements Tab)					0-3
Electives					X 3-6
Total Credits					15
Junior					
Semester 5					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
International Relations/Comparative Politics, Public Policy and Administration, Political Theory (courses not taken previously; see list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
American Politics and Law (courses not taken previously; see list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Electives			X		0-9
Total Credits					18
Semester 6					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
Political Theory/Analytic Tools (Select one course from the following):		X			3
POLS 320	Empirical Political Analysis			4A,4B	
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 459	Program Evaluation for Public Administrators			4A,4B	
Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Electives			X		3-6
Total Credits					12
Senior					
Semester 7					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
American Politics and Law (courses not taken previously; see list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Electives			X		0-6
Total Credits					12
Semester 8					
		Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
POLS 492	Capstone Seminar	X		4A,4B,4C	3
Support Option (See Option list on Concentration Requirements tab)		X			3-6
Electives			X		6-9
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