

Example

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR PLANNER

For use starting FALL 2019. Use this worksheet to plan how you will fulfill the requirements for the major in political science.

If you need any assistance in completing this form, please contact a faculty advisor. Plan your courses with a faculty advisor as early in your studies as possible and meet with an advisor at least once a year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Section A: LOWER DIVISION REQUIRED COURSES (12 units)

Course	Semester (If currently enrolled in the courses, please write "IP" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)	Institution (e.g. SJSU, De Anza, Mission, etc.)	Grade	Units
POLS001 or POLS15 Intro to American Government	FALL 2017	De Anza	B	3
POLS002 Intro to Comparative Politics	FALL 2017	De Anza	B+	3
POLS003 Intro to Political Thought	FALL 2018	SJSU	A-	3
POLS004 Intro to International Relations	FALL 2018	SJSU	A	3
Total Section A Units				12

UPPER DIVISION

Section B: ONE course from each of the four major subfields of Political Science (14-15 units)

	Course	Semester (If currently enrolled in the courses, please write "IP" for "In Progress" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)	Grade	Units
Major Field: U.S. Government and Politics (POLS001 or 15 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 114, 121A, 122, or 130	POLS 105	Spring 2019	B+	4
Major Field: Comparative Politics (POLS002 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 140-149	POLS 146	FALL 2018	A-	4
Major Field: International Relations (POLS004 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS 152-157	POLS 157	FALL 2019	B	4
Major Field: Political Thought (POLS003 is recommended preparation) One course from POLS160A-163	POLS 160B	FALL 2020	IP	3
Total Section B units				14

Section C: Upper Division Electives in the Major ** (9-12 units)

Three additional courses from POLS 102-199

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POLS 181	Spring 2021	PL	4
POLS 153	Spring 2020	B+	4
POLS 140	FALL 2019	A-	4
Total Section C units			12

**Students who entered SJSU Fall 2018 or later may not use POLS170V as upper division POLS elective. Students who entered SJSU Fall 2019 or later may not use POLS 120 and POLS 150 as upper division POLS electives.

Section D: Additional Major Requirements (11-12 units)

Course	Semester (If currently enrolled in the course, please write "IP" for "In Progress" in the grade column. If you plan on enrolling in a course in the future, please write "PL" for "Planned" in the grade column.)	Grade	Units
100W: Writing Workshop (should ideally be taken junior year) (3 units)	Spring 2021	PL	3
100M Political Inquiry (should ideally be taken sophomore or junior year) (4 units) **if taken prior to fall 2019, this course was named POLS 195A	FALL 2020	IP	4
Required Capstone Course: POLS190 Senior Seminar Prerequisites: Senior Standing and 100W (4 units)	Spring 2021	PL	4
Optional Honors Thesis (1 unit) Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in 190, 3.2 overall GPA, 3.5 GPA in Political Science Request add code from instructor			
Total Section D units			11

ADDING IT ALL UP: TOTAL UNITS IN THE MAJOR

	Units
Section A: Lower Division Required Courses	12
Section B: Upper Division Subfield Requirements	14
Section C: Upper Division Electives in the Major	12
Section D: Upper Division Additional Major Requirements (100W, 100M, 190)	11
Total (46-50 units)	
	49

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION
GENERAL EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (53 units)

- Physical Education (2 units)
- Core GE (39 units). POLS002, 003, 004, 15, and 020 fulfill various GE requirements. POLS002, 003, 004, and 15 also fulfill requirements for the major.
- American Institutions (6 units). POLS001 or 15, and HIST15 or 170 together fulfill this requirement.
- SJSU Studies (12 units). POLS100W (Area Z), 120 (Area S), 150 (Area V), and 170V (Area V) fulfill SJSU Studies requirements. *See Department Chair to request an exception to this rule (if you have a Double Major or a Minor, for example).*
- ONE LAST THING! To avoid problems when you apply for graduation, please be aware of these university requirements. A minimum of 40 units must be upper division. A minimum of 30 units must be earned at SJSU (24 of these must be upper division and 12 must be in political science).
- **TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: 120**

CONSIDER A MINOR

Since you need a 120 total credits to graduate you might also consider a minor, although a minor is not required. Political science students may choose any course offered by the university—including additional political science courses—as elective credits to reach the 120 units required. Political science students, however, are strongly encouraged to consider a minor program that will complement the major or provide organized study in an area of interest.

Popular minors for Political Science majors include: African American Studies, Anthropology, Applied Research Methods, Asian American Studies, Business, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Communication Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Global Studies, History, Human Rights, Justice Studies, Legal Studies, Psychology, Public Administration & Public Policy, Sociology, Urban Studies, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and many more! Consult an advisor for suggestions.