Political Science Major Check  (05/14)

Effective Spring 2014 for all new and readmitted students

Degree Requirements: **120** credit hours, including a minimum of **42** upper division [300-level and above] credit hours. An **overall GPA** of at least **2.0** is required. A **2.0 or greater GPA** is required for the All University Core Curriculum. At least **30** of the upper division credit hours must be earned at CSU.

**IMPORTANT** ➔ No Political Science course can fulfill the Major requirements with a grade less than C.

1. **Four Introductory Courses** 12 credit hours

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<td>POLS 101</td>
<td>American Politics</td>
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<td>POLS 103</td>
<td>State &amp; Local Politics</td>
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<td>POLS 232</td>
<td>International Relations</td>
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<td>POLS 241</td>
<td>Comparative Politics</td>
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2. **Minimum Eight Upper Division POLS Courses. 24 credit Hours** Must include at least one course in each of the following six subfields.

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| 1. American Politics | 302 U.S. Parties & Elections  
                      | 303 Organized Interests  
                      | 304 Legislative Politics  
                      | 305 Judicial Politics  
                      | 306 Executive Politics  |
| 2. Political Theory   | 405 Race/Ethnicity U.S.  
                      | 409 Urban & Regional Politics  
                      | 410 American Constitutional Law  
                      | 413 Civil Rights & Liberties  |
| 3. International Relations | 420 History of Political Thought  
                                    | 421 Contemp. Political Theories  
                                    | 422 Democratic Theory  
                                    | 423 American Political Theories  |
| 4. Comparative Politics   | 332 International Political Economy  
                                    | 431 International Law  
                                    | 432 International Organization  
                                    | 435 US Foreign Policy  |
| 4.5 Asian Politics   | 436 Comp. Foreign Policy  
                      | 437 International Security  |
| 4.6 South American Politics | 341 W. European Government & Politics  
                                    | 345 Russian/Central/East European Politics  
                                    | 442 Environmental Politics in Developing World  
                                    | 443 Comparative Social Movements  
                                    | 444 African Politics  |
| 5. Public Policy & Administration | 446 Mexico/Caribbean Politics  
                                    | 447 Comparative Global/Racial/Ethnic Politics  
                                    | 448 Middle East Politics  |
| 6. Capstone Seminar* | 351 Public Administration  
                      | 361 US Environmental Politics & Policy  
                      | 362 Global Environmental Politics  
                      | 364 US Energy Policy Process  
                      | 451 Public Policy Design & Gov.  |
| 6.1 Program Evaluation Public Administrators | 359 Program Evaluation Public Administrators  
                                    | 460 Public Policy Process  
                                    | 462 Globalization, Sustain & Justice  
                                    | 463 Urban Policy & Management  
                                    | 465 Public Policy Analysis  |

6. **Capstone Seminar**

* to enroll for POLS 492, one must have completed upper division courses in at least 4 subfields and 90 credit hours (senior status)

**Other Possible Elective Courses**

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<td>POLS 320</td>
<td>Research Methods</td>
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<td>POLS 486</td>
<td>Internship</td>
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<td>4** Grad course, with instructor permission</td>
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DISCLAIMER NOTE: This check sheet is intended as a convenience for Political Science majors and their academic advisors. It is based on the requirements for the Political Science Program of Study and the All-University Core Curriculum, whose provisions are contained in the CSU General Catalog.
Section C. All-University Core Curriculum [30-33 credit hrs.]
See University General Catalog for approved courses in each category. The University requires that students achieve at least 2.0 GPA in the Core.

1. Basic Competencies [6 cr]
   A. CO150 [3 cr] ____________ [Must be completed by end of sophomore year]
   B. Mathematics [3 cr]: __________ __________ __________ See AUCC list of Cat. IB

2. Core Competencies [3 cr]
   A. Advanced Writing [3 cr] __________ See AUCC list of Cat. 2

3. Foundations and Perspectives [21-24 cr.]
   A. Biological / Physical Sciences [7 cr.] __________ __________ __________ Two courses from AUCC list of Cat. 3A courses. At least one course must have a lab component.
   B. Arts / Humanities [6 cr.] __________ ____________ Two courses from AUCC list of Cat. 3B courses
   C. Social / Behavioral Sciences [3 cr.]----Satisfied by POLS Major Requirements
   D. Historical Perspectives [3 cr.] __________ Choose one course AUCC List Cat. 3D
   E. Global & Cultural Awareness [3 cr.]----Satisfied by POLS Major Requirements

4. Depth & Integration-----------------Satisfied by POLS Major Requirements

Section D. Support Options. Political Science majors must complete one of following Support Options:

Minor Option [21-24 hours]

Interdisciplinary Studies Minor [20-24 hours]

Second Major Option [usually 36 hours] ________________________________

Foreign Language Support Option [15-22 hours] ________________ All courses must be in the same foreign language and must include two upper division courses either in language instruction or conducted in the foreign language.

Methods Option [21 hours]
   ______ POLS 320 Political Science Research Methods
   ______ STAT 301 Introduction to Statistical Methods
   ______ 6 credits. Take two from the following: PHIL 120, PHIL327, PHIL 415
   ______ 3 credits. Take one from the following: STAT 305, STAT 340, STAT 350
   ______ 6 credits. Take two from the following: ANTH 441, ECON 335/AREC 335, SOC 210, SOC 311

Section E. Elective Courses