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Political Science Major Check (7/15)
 {minimum 36 total credit hours}

Date _____

Effective Fall 2015 for all new and readmitted students

Name _____

Faculty Mentor _____

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

POLS 101 ____ American Politics	POLS 103 ____ State & Local Politics	POLS 232 ____ International Relations	POLS 241 ____ Comparative Politics
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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.

1. American Politics	302 U.S. Parties & Elections	303 Organized Interests	304 Legislative Politics	305 Judicial Politics	306 Executive Politics
	309 Urban Politics	405 Race/Ethnicity U.S.	409 Urban & Regional Politics	410 American Constitutional Law	413 Civil Rights & Liberties
2. Political Theory	420 History of Political Thought	421 Contemp. Political Theories	423 American Political Theories		
3. International Relations	331 US/Mexico Border	332 International Political Economy	362 Global Environmental Politics	431 International Law	433 International Organization
	435 US Foreign Policy	436 Comparative Foreign Policy	437 International Security		
4. Comparative 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
	445 Asian Politics	446 South American Politics	447 Mexico/Caribbean Politics	448 Comparative Global/Racial/Ethnic Politics	449 Middle East Politics
5. Public Policy & Administration	351 Public Administration	361 US Environmental Politics & Policy	364 US Energy Policy Process	451 Public Policy Design & Government	459 Program Evaluation Public Administrators
	460 Public Policy Process	462 Globalization, Sustain & Justice	463 Urban Policy & Mgmt	465 Public Policy Analysis	
6. Capstone Seminar* 492 ____			* 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	320 ____ POLS Research Methods	486 ____ Internship [Up to 3 hours may count toward the total 24 upper division hour requirement for the POLS Major]	5** ____ Grad course, with instructor permission
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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. I.B
[Must be completed by the end of the sophomore year.]

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 302, STAT 304, STAT 305

_____ 6 credits. Take two from the following: AP 441, ECON 335, SOC 311

Section E. Elective Courses

