2009-11 Cal Poly Catalog

Political Science Department

BA POLITICAL SCIENCE

☐ 60 units upper division ☐ GWR
☐ 2.0 GPA ☐ USCP

* = Required in Support; also satisfies GE

Note: No major, support or concentration courses may be taken as credit/no credit.

MAJOR COURSES

POLS 112 American and California Govt (D1)*...... 4
POLS 180 Political Inquiry ........................................ 4
POLS 225 Introduction to International Relations .. 4
POLS 229 Introduction to Comparative Politics ..... 4
POLS 230 Basic Concepts of Political Thought .... 4
POLS 359 Research Design 360 Political Analysis 6/25/09 4
POLS 361 Quantitative Methodology ................. 4
POLS 481 Senior Project Seminar or
POLS 461, 462 Senior Project I, II ..................... 4
Political science electives (300–400 level) .......... 12
Concentration courses or
individualized course of study .......................... 28

SUMMARY

72 units required, 8 of which are specified in Support.

SUPPORT COURSES

HIST 110/111 Western Civilization ..................... 4
Geography/Anthropology/Sociology elective (300–
400 level) .............................................................. 4
ENGL 302, ENGL 310 or English GE C4 course .... 4
STAT 221 Intro to Probability and Statistics (B1)* 5

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

72 units required, 8 of which are specified in Support.

Area A Communication (12 units)

A1 Expository Writing ....................................... 4
A2 Oral Communication ...................................... 4
A3 Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing ........ 4

Area B Science and Mathematics (16 units)

B1 Mathematics/Statistics * 4 units in Support plus 4
B2 Life Science .................................................. 4
B3 Physical Science ......................................... 4
B4 One lab taken with either a B2 or B3 course
B5 elective

Area B elective (select one course from B1-B5).... 4

Area C Arts and Humanities (16 units)

C1 Literature ................................................. 4
C2 Philosophy .................................................... 4
C3 Fine/Performing Arts ................................... 4
C4 Upper-division elective ................................. 4

Area D/E Society and the Individual (16 units)

D1 American Exp. (40404) * 4 units in Major..... 0
D2 Political Economy ...................................... 4
D3 Comparative Social Institutions ..................... 4

D4 Self Development (CSU Area E) ................. 4
D5 Upper-division elective (Not POLS courses)... 4

Area F Technology Elective (upper division) .... 4

FREE ELECTIVES ............................................... 27

180 units required, 8 of which are specified in Support.

CONCENTRATIONS (select one)

Select a concentration or individualized course of study.

American Politics Concentration

POLS 315 The American Presidency ...................... 4
POLS 319 United States Congress ........................ 4
POLS 341 Constitutional Law ................................ 4

Choose any three of the following ..................... 12
POLS 316 Political Participation (4)
POLS 317 Campaigns and Elections (4)
POLS 348 334 336 Early American Political Thought
or POLS 349 327 Contemporary American
Political Thought (4) Effective Spring 2010
POLS 375 California Politics (4)
POLS 419 Social Movements/Political Protest (4)
POLS 471 Urban Politics (4)

Approved elective. Select one course from: ......... 4
POLS 386 (4 units maximum), 451, 456, 459 or
any unused course in this concentration .......... 28

Global Politics Concentration

POLS 308 Political Violence and Conflict
Resolution or POLS 381 Peace and War .............. 4
POLS 320 Comparative Political Analysis
or POLS 324 International Relations Theory ..... 4
POLS 328 Politics of Developing Countries or
POLS 383 Politics of the European Union .......... 4
POLS 382 Comparative Foreign Policy or POLS
420 Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy .......... 4
POLS 322 International Political Activism or
POLS 426 International Organizations and Law
or POLS 427 Politics of the Global Economy .... 4
POLS 428 Issues and Topics in Comparative
Politics or POLS 429 Issues and Topics in
International Relations ...................................... 4

Approved elective. Select one course from: ......... 4
POLS 285, 321, 380, 386 (4 units maximum), or
any unused course in this concentration .......... 28

Pre-Law Concentration

POLS 245 Judicial Process ................................... 4
POLS 341 American Constitutional Law ............. 4
POLS 334 Jurisprudence ..................................... 4
POLS 343 Civil Rights in America ..................... 4
POLS 344 Civil Liberties ..................................... 4

1 Consultation with advisor is recommended prior to selecting approved electives; bear in mind your selections may impact pursuit of post-baccalaureate studies and/or goals.
Approved electives. Select two courses from:  
BUS 207, 308, 409, 410, 473;  
ES 380; JOUR 302; LS 214; NR 404; PHIL 334;  
POLS 295, 386 (4 units maximum), 426;  
PSY 375; SOC 402, 406, 412

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