



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan: Political Science, B.A.  
 Min. Units Required: 120 units  
 Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Political Science Requirements 57 units**

**Major Required Core 27 units**

- PLS 1011 – Introduction to Political Science (3) (Area E)
- PLS 2010 – Introduction to American Government (3) (Area D2)
- PLS 2020 – Introduction to Comparative Government (3) (Area D3)
- PLS 2030 – Introduction to International Relations (3) (Area D3)
- PLS 2040 – Introduction to Political Thought (3)
- PLS 2051 – Introduction to Research Methods (3)
- PLS 2060 – Introduction to Public Administration (3) **OR**
- PLS 2080 – Introduction to Race and Ethnic Politics (3) (Area F)
- PLS 2070 – Introduction to Public Law (3)
- PLS 3055/A – Advanced Research Methods (2/1)

**Major Required Senior Capstone 6 units**

In the *last* fall semester at Cal Poly Pomona, choose either capstone program:

- PLS 4411 – Senior Internship in Political Science I (3) (Fall) **AND**
- PLS 4412 – Senior Internship in Political Science II (3) (Spring)
- OR**
- PLS 4610 – Senior Thesis in Political Science I (3) (Fall) **AND**
- PLS 4620 – Senior Thesis in Political Science II (3) (Spring)

**Major Elective Core/Upper Division Courses 24 units**

Students must complete 24 units of electives in upper-division courses of political science. See back for our course listings.

American Government and Public Administration (6)  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_

International Relations and Comparative Politics (6)  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law and Political Theory (6)  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_

Two additional elective/upper division courses in any area (6)  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLS \_\_\_\_\_

**Unrestricted Electives 15-24 units**

Select a sufficient number of courses from any department so that the total number of units reaches 120.

**General Education Requirements 48 units**

Students should consult the university catalog for current information regarding this requirement. Unless specific courses are required, please refer to the list of approved courses under General Education Requirements, Areas A through F: <http://bit.ly/24GEList>.

**Area A. English Language Communication and Critical Thinking (9 units)**

1. Oral Communication (3)
2. Written Communication (3)
3. Critical Thinking (3)

**Area B. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (12 units)**

1. Physical Sciences (2 or 3)
2. Life Sciences (2 or 3)
3. Laboratory Activity (1)
4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (3)
5. Science and Technology Synthesis (3)

**Area C. Arts and Humanities (12 units)**

1. Visual and Performing Arts (3)
2. Literature, Modern Languages, Philosophy and Civilization (3)

**Students must complete an additional C1 or C2 course after finishing each requirement (3)**

3. Arts and Humanities Synthesis (3)

**Area D. Social Sciences (9 units)**

1. U.S. History and American Ideals (3) – American Institutions Requirement
2. U.S. Constitution and California Government (3) – American Institutions Requirement
4. Social Science Synthesis (3) \*The department offers multiple GE Area D4 courses.

**Area E. Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (3 units)** \*Political science students take PLS 1011 for Area E.

**If you entered as a freshman in 22-23 or after, you must complete:**

Area F. Ethnic Studies (3 units) \*Political Science students can elect to double-count PLS 2080 for Area F.

**American Institutions 6 units**

All CSU students must demonstrate proficiency and understanding of American History, the Constitution, and American Government. Courses that satisfy this requirement are found in GE Area D1 and D2. PLS 2010 satisfies Area D2.

**Graduation Writing Requirement (GWAR)**

The Graduation Writing Requirement is currently on hold and cannot be completed during the 2024-2025 academic year. Students entering in the 2024-2025 academic year will be excused from this requirement. Read your CPP email for updates about the Graduation Writing Requirement.

**Political Science Elective Core/Upper Division Courses**  
Students must complete 24 units of electives in Political Science

**American Government and Public Administration**

Choose any two courses from this box

**American Politics**

- PLS 3250 - The American Congress (3)
- PLS 3260 - The American Presidency (3)
- PLS 3270 - The American Judiciary (3)
- PLS 3275 - Asian American Politics (3)
- PLS 3285 - Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States (3)
- PLS 4205 - American Political Institutions and Behavior (3) (Area D4)
- PLS 4211 - Voting and Elections in the United States (3)
- PLS 4245 - Public Opinion (3)
- PLS 4250 - Women and Politics in America (3)
- PLS 4265 - Political Communication and Media (3)
- PLS 4811 - California Government (3) (Area D4)
- PLS 4815 - Environmental Politics and Policy (3) (Area D4)

**Public Administration**

- PLS 3150 - Politics of Public Policy (3)
- PLS 3165 - Urban Administration, Politics and Policy (3)
- PLS 3175 - NGOs and Social Service Outreach (3)
- PLS 4160 - Public Organizations (3)
- PLS 4170 - Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (2)
- PLS 4180S - Politics of Neighborhood Change: Service Learning (3)
- PLS 4190 - Social Capital: Theories and Applications (3)

**Public Law and Political Theory**

Choose any two courses from this box

**Public Law**

- PLS 3011 - Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers (3)
- PLS 3021 - Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (3)
- PLS 3031 - Constitutional Law: Criminal Justice (3)
- PLS 3041 - The Criminal Justice System (3)
- PLS 4050 - Jurisprudence (3)
- PLS 4090 - Contemporary Issues in American Law (3)

**Political Theory**

- PLS 3311 - Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (3)
- PLS 3321 - Modern Political Thought (3)
- PLS 3331 - American Political Thought (3)
- PLS 4341 - Advanced American Political Thought (3)
- PLS 4360 - Contemporary Political Theory (3)
- PLS 4381 - Environmental Political Theory (3)

**International Relations and Comparative Politics**

Choose any two courses from this box

**International Relations**

- PLS 3521 - US Foreign Policy (3)
- PLS 3541 - International Political Economy (3)
- PLS 3551 - International Conflict, War, and Peace (3)
- PLS 3561 - International Law (3)
- PLS 4521 - Environmental Security (3)
- PLS 4531 - Terrorism (3)
- PLS 4541 - Transnational Crime (3)

**Comparative Politics**

- PLS 3410 - Comparative Democratization (3)
- PLS 3420 - Politics of Developing Areas (3)
- PLS 3431 - Ethnic Conflict (3)
- PLS 4430 - European Governments and Politics (3)
- PLS 4440 - Latin American Governments and Politics (3)
- PLS 4450 - Sub-Saharan African Governments and Politics (3)
- PLS 4460 - Middle Eastern Governments and Politics (3)
- PLS 4470 - Government and Politics of the Russian Federation (3)
- PLS 4480 - East Asian Governments and Politics (3)
- PLS 4490 - Southeast Asian Governments and Politics (3)

**Other Political Science Courses**

Students are NOT required to choose any course from this box. However, students *may* take up to 6 units from this box to fulfill the "additional elective/upper division courses".

- PLS 3080/A - Mock Trial (2/1)
- PLS 3821 - Politics, Policies, Pop Culture (3) (Area D4)
- PLS 4221/A - Political Campaign Management (2/1)
- PLS 4421/A - Political Science Internship (2/1)
- PLS 4800 - Policies of Need and Greed (3) (Area D4)
- CLS 4100 - The United Nations and the World – Model UN (3)
- CLS 4410/A - Judicial Internship (2/1)
- CLS 4820 - Study Abroad: International Fieldwork (3) (Area D4)
- CLS 4990 - Study Away Trips (3)
- CLS 4990 - History of Modern Nation States – Model OAS (3)