



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)
- 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 course listing.](#)

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 Academic Programs website

<http://bit.ly/GECourseList>

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 E.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Arts and Humanities Synthesis

**Area D. Social Sciences (12 units)**

1. U.S. History and American Ideals
2. U.S. Constitution and California Government
3. Social Sciences, Principles, Methodologies, Value Systems, and Ethics
4. Social Science Synthesis

**Area E. Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (3 units)**

**American Institutions 6 units**

Courses that satisfy this requirement may also satisfy GE Area D1 and D2. PLS 2010 satisfies Area D2.

**American Cultural Perspectives Requirement 3 units**

Refer to the University Catalog General Education Program section for a list of courses that satisfy this requirement. Courses may also satisfy major, minor, GE, or unrestricted elective requirement. PLS 4231 satisfies this requirement.

**Graduation Writing Test**

All persons who receive undergraduate degrees from Cal Poly Pomona must pass the Graduation Writing Test (GWT). Typically, students take this in junior year. Visit <https://www.cpp.edu/~admissions/testing-services/gwt.shtml>.

**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 4205 - American Political Institutions and Behavior (3) (Area D4)
- PLS 4211 - Voting and Elections in the United States (3)
- PLS 4231 - Race and Ethnic Politics 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)

**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)

**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 3515 - International Relations Theory (3)
- 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)
- PLS 4551 - International Human Rights (3)
- PLS 4561 - International Environmental Policy (3)

**Comparative Politics**

- 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 4990 – International Studies (Study Abroad Trips) (3)
- CLS 4990 – History of Modern Nation States – Model OAS (3)