



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 <https://www.cpp.edu/~academic-programs/general-education-course-listings.shtml> 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)