

SDSU DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

A. GENERAL EDUCATION: We offer a Bachelors of Arts degree, so you should follow the B.A. GE requirements in the catalog.

B. PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR: 12 units

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science 101 | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Statistics</u> : Political Science 201 or equivalent:
Statistics 119, Statistics 250, Economics 201,
Sociology 201, Psychology 280, or Philosophy
120 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science 102 | |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science 103 or 104 | |

In order to move from pre-major to major status, you must 1) complete all four of the above courses with a "C" or better, 2) have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 or higher, and 3) complete a minimum of 30 semester units.

C. UPPER-DIVISION POLITICAL SCIENCE: 30 units

1. One 3-unit course in each of the following four fields, taken in any order (12 units):

- Political Theory: _____
- American Politics: _____
- Comparative Politics: _____
- International Politics: _____

2. Five additional upper-division Political Science courses, known as "major electives" (15 units)*

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3. One capstone course (3 units). Choose one of the following options:

- Senior thesis (Pol S 497A/B). Both are required for the thesis capstone; 497B earns 3 capstone units and 497A earns 3 major elective units
- OR** Internship course: Complete an internship while enrolled in our internship course, 495 (3 units) Internships through the either Sacramento or D.C. semesters earn 12 units. Sacramento earns 12 units toward the major and D.C. (POL S 498) earns 6 units toward the major
- OR** Any 500-level Political Science course _____

* POL S 390W can't be used as a major course. You may take up to 6 of your 15 major elective units from these courses – WMNST 375, AMIND 485, AFRAS 321, and AFRAS 322 – but this is not required.

UPPER-DIVISION POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES

All courses are 3 units unless noted

Field I: Political Theory

301A-B History of Western Political Thought
302 Modern Political Thought
305 American Political Thought
406 Democracy and Mass Society

Field I capstone courses

507 Marx and Marxism
510 Contemporary Political Thought

Field II: American Politics

320 The U.S. Constitution
321 State Politics
322 Politics and Conflict
331 American Indian Political Experience
333 Politics of Race and Ethnicity
334 Politics of the Environment
335 Public Policy
336 Women's Issues in the American Political Process
338 The Legislative Process
346 Law and the Political System
347A American Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers and Constraints
347B American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
348 The Supreme Court and Contemporary Issues
422 Urban Politics
425 Psychology of Politics
426 Political Communication
428 Campaigns and Elections
430 Immigration and Border Politics
435 Power and Poverty in the United States
436 The American Presidency
440 Food Justice

Field II capstone courses

531 Interest Groups and Political Movements
533 Democracy in America
535 Gender and Politics
541 Special Problems in Public Law

Field III: Comparative Politics

300 Islam and Politics
356 Politics of Europe
357 British Politics
359 Government and Politics of Russia and the Commonwealth

361 Governments and Politics of the Developing Areas
362 Governments and Politics of East Asia
363 Governments and Politics of the Middle East
364 Political Change in Modern Africa
365 Chinese Politics
366 Latin American Politics
370 Political Violence

Field III capstone courses

530 Political Parties
555 Comparative Political Systems
560 Comparative Public Policy
562 Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective
564 Political Ecology of Latin America
565 Nations and Nationalism
566 Political Change in Latin America
568 Mexican Politics

Field IV: International Politics

375 International Relations: Theory and Practice
380 Human Rights in a Global Perspective
479 National Security Policy
482 United States-Latin American Relations
485 Politics of Globalization

Field IV capstone courses

575 International Relations of the Pacific Rim
577 Politics of International Law

Other courses

450 Study Abroad in Political Science
495 Internship in Local Politics
496 Experimental Topics (1-4 units)
497A-B Senior Thesis
498 Internship in National Politics (6-12 units)
499 Special Study (1-3 units)

Collaborative courses

You may count up to two of these as major elective courses

WMST 375 Gender and Politics
AFRAS 321 Black Political Participation in America
AFRAS 322 African American Political Thought
AMIND 485 Federal Indian Law