

The Legal Studies Major



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Dear Prospective Major,

Thank you for requesting information about the Department of Political Science at California State University, Chico. We have an exciting curriculum, with numerous options to meet a host of academic interests, and a distinguished faculty, committed to excellence in teaching and in scholarship. Three of the University's recent Outstanding Teachers and two of its Outstanding Professors, as well as several Outstanding Advisers are from this department. Our faculty have authored more books than faculty in any other department! I hope you give serious consideration to one of our programs as your major.

We offer degree options in the areas listed below. Each has a specially trained adviser who can help make course planning efficient and productive. They can also provide career planning, indicating the rich opportunities for students from our programs.

Lori Weber	Political Science Coordinator
Lori Beth Way	Criminal Justice Coordinator
Mahalley Allen	Legal Studies Coordinator
Teodora DeLorenzo	Legal Studies Internship Coordinator
Diane Schmidt	Public Administration Coordinator
Matt Thomas	CJ, PA and MPA Internship Coordinator
Jim Jacob	International Relations Coordinator

Our majors are an excellent choice for a liberal arts education, with an emphasis on writing skills and analytical thinking. But there are many specific career options as well. Our graduates are members of Congress and the State Legislature; city and county managers; lawyers and judges; police and correctional officers; lobbyists and campaign consultants; diplomats and international business executives; teachers and college professors.

Students also have extensive opportunities for internships. The largest is our Community Legal Information Center, where approximately 200 students a semester in thirteen programs—Consumer Protection, Housing Rights, Environmental Protection, to name but a few—provide legal information to fellow students and members of the community. Students also have opportunities in local government and law enforcement agencies, at the State Capitol and in Washington, D.C. Many of our students take on significant responsibilities in political campaigns, including serving as delegates to our national political conventions.

Included in this handbook are the requirements for the specific program in which you have expressed interest, an indication of how you can achieve this degree in the next four years and a listing of our faculty. If you have any questions, we will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Again, we look forward to seeing you here next year and wish you the best in your studies.

Sincerely,

**Diana Dwyre
Chair Department of Political Science**

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THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: OPTION IN LEGAL STUDIES

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: 120 units

General Education requirements: 48 units. See "General Education Requirements" in the University Catalog and the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings. The course requirements marked below with an asterisk (*) may also be applied toward General Education.

Cultural Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units. See "Cultural Diversity" in the University Catalog. Most Courses used to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education.

United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirements: 6 units. See "United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Requirements" in the University Catalog. Courses used to satisfy this requirement do not apply to General Education.

Literacy Requirements: 6 units. See "Mathematics and Writing Requirements" in the University Catalog. Writing Proficiency in the major is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of a course in your major which has been designated as the Writing Proficiency (WP) course for the semester in which you take the course. Students who earn below a "C-" are required to repeat the course and earn a "C-" or better to receive Writing Proficiency credit. (See "The Class Schedule" for the designated Writing Proficiency courses for each semester. You must pass ENGL 341, Reading Literature formerly ENGL 101 (or its equivalent) with a "C-" or better before you may register for a WP course.

Course Requirements for the Major. (36-52 units)

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree.

Degree Core Requirements: 13 units FOUNDATION: (7 units)

1 course required:

POLS 330	Research Skills in Politics, Law, and Criminal Justice	3.0
	<i>Or you may substitute any equivalent course.</i>	

2 courses required:

POLS 331	Intro to Political Inquiry	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: Successful completion of ENGL 130 (or it's equivalent)</i>	
POLS 331X	Techniques in Political Science	1.0

Political Theory: (3 units) 1 course selected from:

POLS 431	American Political Thought	3.0
POLS 432	Recent American Political Thought	3.0
POLS 434	Origins of Western Political Thought	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 434 which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 436	Liberal and Conservative Traditions	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 436 which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 437 which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 438	Jurisprudence/Philosophy of Law	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 438 which may be substituted</i>	

International Relations: (3 units)

POLS 341 International Relations 3.0

Major Option Course Requirements: 23-33 units The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required dependent upon the option chosen. Students must select one of the following options for completion of the major course requirements.

OPTION IN LEGAL STUDIES: 24-33 units

Option Core Program: (12 units)

3 courses required

POLS 351 Introduction to Legal Studies 3.0
POLS 451B Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 3.0
This course is the same as MCGS 451B, which may be substituted.
POLS 489K Internship in Public Law 3.0
Prerequisites: Faculty permission

1 course selected from:

POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law 3.0
This course is the same as PHIL 438, which may be substituted.
POLS 451A Foundation of American Constitutional Law 3.0
POLS 459 Capstone in Public Law 3.0
This course is the same as POLS 651, which may be substituted.

Advising Pattern Course Requirements: 12-21 units The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required depending upon the advising pattern chosen. Students must select one of the following advising patterns for completion of the major course requirements.

The Option in Legal Studies requires selection of one of the patterns listed below. The following patterns must be followed, unless prior approval is obtained from the Coordinator of the Legal Studies Program.

Alternative Dispute Resolution pattern: 21 units

4 courses required:

MGMT 345 Negotiation Techniques for Conflict 3.0
POLS 452 Alternative Dispute Resolution 3.0
POLS 454 Legal Research 3.0
POLS 489L Internship in Public Law (Must be an ADR Internship) 3.0
Prerequisites: Faculty permission

1 course selected from:

POLS 422 Political Socialization and Behavior 3.0
POLS 442 International Organizations 3.0
POLS 443 International Law 3.0
PHIL 342 Roots of War: A Philosophical Survey 3.0
PHIL 344 Comparative Peace Studies 3.0

1 course selected from:

POLS 438 Jurisprudence/Philosophy of Law 3.0
This course is the same as Phil 438 which may be substituted.

POLS	460D	Collective Bargaining <i>Prerequisites: faculty permission. This course is the same as ECON 142 which may be substituted.</i>	3.0
POLS	462	Organizational Theory <i>Prerequisites: POLS 460A or concurrent enrollment.</i>	3.0
POLS	464	Administrative Law	3.0
POLS	493	Community Research <i>Prerequisites: Approval of the Department of Political Science</i>	3.0-15.0
BLAW	413	Employment Law <i>Prerequisite: At least a Junior standing.</i>	3.0
BLAW	414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining <i>Prerequisites: At least a Junior standing</i>	3.0

Other appropriate courses may be selected with the prior permission of the Legal Studies Coordinator.

Law and the Environment pattern: 12 units

3 courses selected from:

GEOG	423	Planning Methods <i>Prerequisites: GEOG 315, GEOG 320.</i>	3.0
GEOG	427	Environmental Impact Analysis <i>Prerequisites: GEOG 320 or equivalent .</i>	3.0
POLS	461	Environmental Politics and Administration	3.0
POLS	468	Planning Law	3.0
POLS	489L	Internship in Public Law (Must be environmentally related.) <i>Prerequisite: Faculty permission.</i>	3.0
POLS	481G	Simulation: Public Law <i>Prerequisite: Upper-division standing</i>	3.0

1 course selected from:

POLS	454	Legal Research	3.0
POLS	456	Legal Analysis	3.0

Law and Theory pattern: 12 units

3 courses selected from:

POLS	426	Women and the Law <i>This course is also offered as WMST 426 and may be substituted.</i>	3.0
POLS	438	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law <i>This course is the same as PHIL 438 which may be substituted.</i>	3.0
POLS	453	Legal Process and Behavior	3.0
POLS	459	Capstone in Public Law <i>This course is the same as POLS 651 which may be substituted.</i>	3.0
POLS	465	Administration of Justice	3.0
POLS	489L	Internship in Public Law <i>Prerequisite: Faculty Permission</i>	3.0

1 course selected from:

POLS	454	Legal Research	3.0
POLS	456	Legal Analysis	3.0

Law & Social Interests pattern: 12 units

3 courses selected from:

POLS	443	International Law	3.0
POLS	456	Legal Analysis	3.0
POLS	459	Capstone in Public Law	3.0
POLS	489L	Internship in Public Law <i>Prerequisite: Faculty Permission.</i>	3.0
POLS	489G	Simulation: Public Law <i>Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.</i>	3.0
POLS	651	Seminar: Public Law	3.0

1 course selected from:

POLS	454	Legal Research	3.0
POLS	456	Legal Analysis	3.0

Paralegal Studies pattern: 20-21 units

3 courses required:

POLS	454	Legal Research	3.0
POLS	455	The Legal Para-Professional	3.0
POLS	489L	Internship in Public Law <i>Prerequisite: Faculty Permission.</i>	3.0

1 course selected from:

POLS	491F	Simulation in Political Science: Public Law (Fall)	3.0
POLS	491G	Simulation in Political Science: Public Law (Spring)	3.0

9 units selected from:

AIST	457	American Indian/Federal Law <i>This course is also offered as POLS 457, and may be substituted. Prerequisite: Faculty permission.</i>	3.0
BLAW	411	Commercial Law <i>Prerequisite: BLAW 302.</i>	3.0
BLAW	412	Business/Government Regulation <i>Prerequisite: At least junior standing.</i>	3.0
BLAW	413	Employment Law <i>Prerequisite: At least junior standing.</i>	3.0
BLAW	414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining <i>Prerequisites: At least junior standing or faculty permission</i>	3.0
HCSV	332	Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services	3.0
POLS	398	Special Topics	1.0-3.0
POLS	399	Special Problems	1.0-3.0
POLS	443	International Law	3.0
POLS	456	Legal Analysis	3.0
POLS	464	Administrative Law	3.0
POLS	465	Administration of Justice	3.0
POLS	468	Planning Law	3.0
POLS	493	Community Research <i>Prerequisite: Approval of the Department of Political Science.</i>	3.0-15.0

RECR	428	Recreation Law and Legal Principles <i>Prerequisites: RECR 200; concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of RECR 220, RECR 240, RECR 250, or RECR 260; or faculty permission.</i>	3.0
SWRK	480	Law and Disadvantaged Persons	3.0

Electives Requirement:

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total university offerings. You should consult with an adviser regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your university experience and apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Grading Requirement:

All courses taken to fulfill major course requirements must be taken for a letter grade, except those courses specified by the department as Credit/No Credit grading only.

Advising Requirement:

Advising is mandatory for all majors in this degree program. Consult your undergraduate adviser for specific information.

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Faculty

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Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., Princeton University

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SUGGESTED FOUR YEAR PLAN BASED ON THE UNIVERSITY CATALOG

Student's Name: _____ ID#: _____ Date: _____

Major: **POLITICAL SCIENCE: Option: Legal Studies**

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Total Number of Units Required for the Major: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

First Semester		Second Semester		Comments.....
GE Area A*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet *GE Area A2 must be completed with a "C-" or better. In your first semester consider taking a Course Link
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C-or better)	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	GE Area C **	3	
GE Area E	3	GE Area D2 ** POLS 112	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments.....
GE Area B	3	HIST 150 or POLS 155	3	** Consider meeting the Ethnic and non-Western requirements with GE or major courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area B	3	
GE Area D **	3	GE Area C **	3	
POLS 330	3	GE Area D **	3	
Elective	3	POLS 351 or Elective	3	
		Elective	1	
Total	15	Total	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments.....
GE UP Theme/Elective	3	GE UD Theme/Elective	3	# May be applied to Theme G Apply to graduate by early deadline.
POLS 331 (WP)	3	POLS 141 #	3	
POLS 331X	1	POLS UD Amer Govt & POLS	3	
POLS UD Political Theory	3	POLS 452	3	
MGMT 345	3	Elective	3	
POLS 454	3			
Total	16	Total	15	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments.....
Elective	3	POLS 489L	3	* Depending on course selected may be applied to a theme. 40 units upper division required for degree. _____ units required for degree
Elective	3	* Major Option Selection	3	
GE UD Theme	3	Elective	3	
* Major Option Selection	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Major: POLITICAL SCIENCE: Option: Legal Studies (Law & Environment Pattern)

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First Semester		Second Semester		Comments.....
GE Area A*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet *GE Area A2 must be completed with a "C-" or better. In your first semester consider taking a Course Link
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C-or better)	3	
GE Area D2** POLS 112	3	GE Area C **	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments.....
GE Area B	3	GE Area B	3	** Consider meeting the Ethnic and non-Western requirements with GE Or major courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area C **	3	
GE Area D **	3	GE Area D **	3	
POLS 330	3	GE Area E **	3	
Elective	3	POLS 351 or Elective	3	
		Elective	1	
Total	15	Total	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments.....
GE UD Theme	3	GE UD Theme	3	*** May be applied to Theme G Apply to graduate by early deadline.
POLS 331 (WP)	3	POLS 341 ***	3	
POLS 331X	1	POLS 451B	3	
POLS 351 or Elective	3	POLS UD Political Theory	3	
POLS 454 or 456	3	Elective	3	
Elective or GEOG 423	3	Elective	3	
Total	16	Total	18	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments.....
POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	POLS 489K	3	#9 units from Geog 423, 427, POLS 462, 468, 489C, or 491G _____ units required for degree.
POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
POLS 438 or 451A or 459	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
GE UD Theme or Elective	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Major: POLITICAL SCIENCE: Option: Legal Studies (Law & Social Interest Pattern)

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First Semester		Second Semester		Comments.....
GE Area A2*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet *GE Area A2 must be completed with a "C-" or better. In your first semester consider taking a Course Link
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C-or better)	3	
GE Area D2** POLS 112	3	GE Area C **	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments.....
GE Area B	3	GE Area B	3	** Consider meeting the Ethnic and non-Western requirements with GE Or major courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area C **	3	
GE Area D **	3	GE Area D **	3	
POLS 330	3	GE Area E	3	
Elective	3	POLS 351 or Elective	3	
		Elective	1	
Total	15	Total	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments.....
GE UP Theme	3	GE UD Theme	3	*** May be applied to Theme G Apply to graduate by early deadline.
POLS 331 (WP)	3	POLS 341 ***	3	
POLS 331X	1	POLS 451B	3	
POLS UD Political Theory	3	POLS 454 or 456	3	
POLS 351 or Elective	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	16	Total	18	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments.....
POLS UD Theme or Elective	3	POLS 489K	3	#9 units from POLS 443, 456, 459, 489L, Or 491G _____ units required for degree.
POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
POLS 438 or 451A or 459	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
GE UD Pattern Course	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Major: POLITICAL SCIENCE: Option: Legal Studies (Law & Theory Pattern)

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First Semester		Second Semester		Comments.....
GE Area A2*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet *GE Area A2 must be completed with a "C-" or better. In your first semester consider taking a Course Link
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C-or better)	3	
GE Area D2** POLS 112	3	GE Area C **	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments.....
GE Area B	3	GE Area B	3	** Consider meeting the Ethnic and non-Western requirements with GE Or major courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area C **	3	
GE Area D **	3	GE Area D **	3	
POLS 330	3	GE Area E	3	
Elective	3	Elective or POLS 351	3	
		Elective	1	
Total	15	Total	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments.....
GE UD Theme	3	GE UD Theme	3	*** May be applied to Theme G Apply to graduate by early deadline.
POLS 331 (WP)	3	POLS 341 ***	3	
POLS 331X	1	POLS 451B	3	
POLS 351 or Elective	3	POLS UD Political Theory	3	
POLS 454 or 456	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	16	Total	18	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments.....
POLS UD Theme or Elective	3	POLS 489K	3	#9 units from POLS 438, 453, 459, 465, Or 489L. _____ units required for degree.
POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
POLS 438 or 451A or 459	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
GE UD Pattern Course#	3	Elective	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Major: POLITICAL SCIENCE: Option: Legal Studies (Paralegal Study Pattern)

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Total Number of Units Required for Major _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____

First Semester		Second Semester		Comments.....
GE Area A2*	3	GE Area A*	3	Refer to GE Planning Sheet *GE Area A2 must be completed with a "C-" or better. In your first semester consider taking a Course Link
GE Area A*	3	GE Area B3 (C-or better)	3	
GE Area D2** POLS 112	3	GE Area C **	3	
HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	HIST 130 or POLS 155	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	

Third Semester		Fourth Semester		Comments.....
GE Area B	3	GE Area B	3	** Consider meeting the Ethnic and non-Western requirements with GE Or major courses.
GE Area C**	3	GE Area C **	3	
GE Area D **	3	GE Area D **	3	
POLS 330	3	GE Area E	3	
Elective	3	Elective or POLS 351	3	
		Elective	1	
Total	15	Total	16	

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester		Comments.....
GE UD Theme	3	GE UD Theme	3	*** May be applied to Theme G Apply to graduate by early deadline.
POLS 331 (WP)	3	POLS 341 ***	3	
POLS 331X	1	POLS (Paralegal Elective)	3	
POLS 351 or Elective	3	POLS UD Political Theory	3	
POLS 454 or 456	3	POLS 489K Internship	3	
POLS 451B	3	Elective	3	
Total	16	Total	18	

Seventh Semester		Eighth Semester		Comments.....
POLS UD Theme or Elective	3	POLS 489L (Internship)	3	#9 units from POLS 438, 453, 459, 465, Or 489L. _____ units required for degree.
POLS UD Amer. Govt. & Politics	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
POLS 438 or 451A or 459	3	POLS UD Pattern Course#	3	
GE UD Pattern Course#	3	Paralegal Elective	3	
Paralegal Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total	15	Total	15	