

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.

Professor Mahalley Allen	Legal Studies Coordinator
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Professor James Jacob	International Relations Coordinator
Professor Ryan Patten	Criminal Justice Coordinator
Professor Jonathan Caudill	Criminal Justice Internship Coordinator
Professor Diane Schmidt	Public Administration Coordinator
Professor Donna Kemp	Master of Public Administration (MPA) Coordinator
Professor Matthew Thomas	MA Coordinator & MPA Internship 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, Tenant's 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,

Charles C. Turner

Charles C. Turner, Chair
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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.

Seven Courses Required: 22 Units

POLS 331	Introduction to Political Inquiry
POLS 331X	Techniques in Political Science Research
POLS 341	International Relations
POLS 351	Introduction to Legal Studies
POLS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 454	Legal Research and Writing
POLS 459	Capstone in Public Law
POLS 489K	Internship in Legal Studies

One Moot Court Course Selected From: 2-3 Units

POLS 491F	Simulation: Public Law
POLS 491G	Trial & Appellate Advocacy

One Political Theory Course Selected From: 3 Units

POLS 431	American Political Thought
POLS 432	Recent American Political Thought
POLS 434	Origins of Western Political Thought
POLS 436	Liberal/Conservative Traditions
POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought
POLS 438	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

Select One of the Following Five Patterns and Complete Corresponding Courses:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Law and the Environment
- Law and Theory
- Law and Social Interests
- Paralegal Studies

Alternative Dispute Resolution Pattern: 18 Units

Three Required Courses:

POLS 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law
MGMT 345	Negotiation Techniques for Conflict Resolution

Three Courses Selected From:

POLS 422	Political Socialization and Behavior
POLS 460D	Collective Bargaining
POLS 462	Organizational Theory
POLS 464	Administrative Law
POLS 466	Administrative Behavior
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
POLS 493	Community Research (3 units max.)
BLAW 413	Employment Law
BLAW 414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
CMST 370	Intro. to Organizational Communication
PHIL 342	War Roots: Peace Prospects
PHIL 344	Comparative Peace Studies
PSYC 395	Social Psychology
SOCI 486	Sociology of Law

Law and the Environment Pattern: 12 Units

Four Courses Selected From:

POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 464	Administrative Law
POLS 468	Planning Law
POLS 489G	Internship in Sustainability
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law (Environment related)
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
GEOG 423	Planning Methods
GEOG 427	Environmental Impact Analysis

Law and Theory Pattern: 12 Units

Four Courses Selected From:

POLS 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution
POLS 453	Legal Process and Behavior
POLS 456	Legal Analysis
POLS 464	Administrative Law
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
SOCI 486	Sociology of Law

Law and Social Interests Pattern: 12 Units

Four Courses Selected From:

POLS 401	Sexual Minorities Law and Politics
POLS 410	Issues in Legal Studies
POLS 426	Women and the Law
POLS 443	International Law
POLS 457	American Indian/Federal Law
POLS 459A	Criminal Procedure
POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 465	Administration of Justice
POLS 481	Law and Disadvantaged Persons
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
HCSV 332	Law, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services

Paralegal Studies Pattern: 18 Units

Two Courses Required:

POLS 455	The Legal Para-Professional
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law

Four Courses Selected From:

POLS 410	Issues in Legal Studies
POLS 443	International Law
POLS 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution
POLS 453	Legal Process and Behavior
POLS 456	Legal Analysis
POLS 457	American Indian/Federal Law
POLS 459A	Criminal Procedure
POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 464	Administrative Law
POLS 465	Administration of Justice
POLS 468	Planning Law
POLS 481	Law and Disadvantaged Persons
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
POLS 493	Community Research (3 units max.)
BLAW 411	Commercial Law
BLAW 412	Business and Government Regulation
BLAW 413	Employment Law
BLAW 414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
EDAD 614	Law and Education
FINA 453	Estate Planning
HCSV 332	Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services
JOUR 320	Mass Communication Law
RECR 428	Recreation Law and Legal Principle

Paralegal Certificate (26-27 units)

Five Courses Required: 15 Units

POLS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 454	Legal Research
POLS 455	Legal Para-Professional
POLS 489K	Internship in Legal Studies
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law

One Moot Court Course Selected From: 2-3 Units

POLS 491F	Simulation: Public Law
POLS 491G	Trial & Appellate Advocacy

Three Courses Selected From: 9 Units

POLS 399	Special Problems (3 units max.)
POLS 410	Issues in Legal Studies
POLS 443	International Law
POLS 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
POLS 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution
POLS 453	Legal Process and Behavior
POLS 456	Legal Analysis
POLS/AIST 457	American Indian/Federal Law
POLS 459A	Criminal Procedure
POLS 461	Environmental Politics and Policy
POLS 464	Administrative Law
POLS 465	Administration of Justice
POLS 468	Planning Law
POLS/SWRK 481	Law and Disadvantaged Persons
POLS 489M	CLIC Directorship (3 units max.)
POLS 493	Community Research (3 units max.)
BLAW 411	Commercial Law
BLAW 412	Business and Government Regulation
BLAW 413	Employment Law
BLAW 414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
BLAW/MUSC 452	Legal Issues in Music
EDAD 614	Law and Education
FINA 453	Estate Planning
HCSV 332	Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services
JOUR 320	Mass Communication Law
RECR 428	Recreation Law and Legal Principle

Only 3 units of POLS 399, 489M, and 493 may be applied toward the Paralegal Certificate.

Other upper division “law-related” and “Special Topics” courses may be taken for the Paralegal Certificate only with prior written approval of the Legal Studies Coordinator.

Certain courses require either a prerequisite or faculty permission. Please check with the Legal Studies Coordinator for specific registration requirements.

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.

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