

# The BA Degree in Political Science



## **Department of Political Science**

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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  
Professor Teodora DeLorenzo  
Professor Diana Dwyre  
Professor James Jacob  
Professor Ryan Patten  
Professor Jonathan Caudill  
Professor Diane Schmidt  
Professor Donna Kemp  
Professor Matthew Thomas

Legal Studies Coordinator  
Legal Studies Internship Coordinator  
Political Science and Political Science Internship Coordinator  
International Relations Coordinator  
Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Criminal Justice Internship Coordinator  
Public Administration Coordinator  
Master of Public Administration (MPA) Coordinator  
MPA Internship Coordinator & MA 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

Department of Political Science

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## **The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science**

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

See "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree" in the *University Catalog* for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

A suggested Major Academic Plan (MAP) has been prepared to help students meet all graduation requirements within four years. Please request a plan from your major adviser or view it and other current advising information on the CSU Website.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. 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 POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR: 36 – 46 units**

### **Degree Core Requirements: 10 units**

#### **FOUNDATION: 4 units**

##### **2 courses required:**

POLS 331	Intro to Political Inquiry	3.0
	<i>Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL 001 (or its equivalent)</i>	
POLS 331X	Techniques in Political Science Res.	3.0

#### **POLITICAL THEORY: 3 units**

##### **1 course selected:**

POLS 431	American Political Thought	3.0
POLS 432	Recent American Political Thought	3.0
POLS 434	Origin West Political Thought	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 234, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 436	Liberal/Conservative Traditions	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 236, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 237, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 438	Jurisprudence/Philosophy of Law	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as PHIL 238, which may be substituted.</i>	

#### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: 3 units**

POLS 341	International Relations	3.0
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### **Option in General Political Science: 26 units**

#### **American Government and Politics: 6 units**

##### **2 courses selected from:**

POLS 324	Women and Politics	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as WMST 324, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 327	Politics of Race/Ethnicity in the U.S.	3.0
POLS 402	State and Local Government	3.0
POLS 404	Interests Groups and Lobbying	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: POLS 402 and POLS 473 are recommended.</i>	
POLS 422	Political Socialization/Behavior	3.0
POLS 423	Political Parties	3.0
POLS 424	Public Opinion & Propaganda	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as CMST 424 &amp; JOUR 424, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 427	US Campaigns and Elections	3.0
POLS 428	Politics and the Media	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as CMST 428 &amp; JOUR 428, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 471A	Public Policy Formation	3.0
POLS 472	The Presidency	3.0
POLS 473	Congress	3.0

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: 3 units**

**1 course selected from:**

POLS 451A	Foundation of American Constitutional Law	3.0
POLS 451B	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	3.0
	<i>This course is the same as MCGS 251B, which may be substituted.</i>	
POLS 453	Legal Process and Behavior	3.0

**COMMUNITY SERVICE INTERNSHIP: 3 units**

**1 course selected from:**

POLS 489A	Intern Public Administration	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489B	Intern Public Administration	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489C	Internship in Political Science	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489D	Internship in Political Science	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489K	Internship in Public Law	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489L	Internship in Public Law	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: 3.0 cumulative GPA; faculty permission</i>	
POLS 489P	Work Experience Public Agencies	3.0
	<i>Prerequisites: Senior standing; faculty permission</i>	

**SENIOR CAPSTONE: 5 units**

**3 courses required:**

POLS 397A	Tutorial in Political Science	1.0
	<i>Prerequisite: faculty permission</i>	
POLS 399	Special Problems	1.0
	<i>Prerequisite: faculty permission</i>	
POLS 429	Capstone in American Politics	3.0

**UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT: 9 units**

**9 units selected from:**

Any upper-division Political Science (POLS) courses (with no more than 6 units from internships and 3 units of independent research or study counting toward the major).

### **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 possibly 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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## **THE MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The minor in Political Science offers students a rich curriculum in the study of public power: Who has it? Who influences it? How does it work? Political Science focuses on the outworking of public power on local, state, national and international levels. Its lessons also apply to family and job relationships. Courses cover such fields as American government and politics, international relations, public administration, and public law. Please note that the Department of Political Science offers a wide range of outstanding internship opportunities in local, state, and national positions, as well as those which are law-related.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR: 20 UNITS**

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

**20 units selected from:** Any upper-division courses in Political Science (not including POLS 355). The courses selected must include at least one course in four of the eight major areas of Political Science: **State and Local Government; Comparative Government; American Politics; Political Theory and Methodology; International Relations; Public Law; Public Administration/Criminal Justice; and American National Government.**

*Students must meet with the Coordinator of Political Science in order to declare a minor in Political Science.*

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### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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## TENURED and TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Mahalley Allen, 2005, Asst. Professor, Legal Studies Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Kansas, J.D., Univ. of Missouri

Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Professor, Department Vice Chair, Ph.D., Princeton University

Dane A. Cameron, 1981, Asst. Professor, J.D., Golden Gate University

Jonathan Caudill, 2010, Asst. Professor, CJ Internship Coordinator, Ph.D., University of Texas at Dallas

Michael Coyle, 2007, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., Arizona State University

Teodora C. DeLorenzo, 1982, Professor, Legal Studies Internship Coord., J.D., New College of California

Diana Dwyre, 1997, Professor, Political Science and POLS Internship Coord., Ph.D., Syracuse University

Alan Gibson, 2001, Professor, Ph.D., Notre Dame University

George Grosscup III, 1988, Professor Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts

James Jacob, 1995, Professor, International Relations Coordinator, Ph.D., Cornell University

Donna R. Kemp, 1985, Professor Emerita, Master of Public Administration Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Idaho

Sally Parker, 2007, Asst. Professor, J.D., McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Ryan Patten, 2007, Asst. Professor, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Ph.D., Washington State Univ.

Sherrow Pinder, 2006, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., New School for Social Research

Diane E. Schmidt, 1998, Professor, Public Admin. Undergrad Coordinator, Ph.D., Washington University

Robert H. Stanley, 1989, Professor, Ph.D., University of Virginia

Matthew O. Thomas, 2001, Professor, MPA Internship Coord. & MA Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Maryland

Charles C. Turner, 2000, Professor, Department Chair, Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University

Paul R. Viotti, Jr., 2008, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz

Lori Beth Way, 2000, Professor, Ph.D., Syracuse University

Lori Weber, 1999, Professor, Ph.D., University of Colorado, Boulder