BA in Political Science, Option in General Political Science, 2018-2019 Catalog
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Dual Advising System: CSU, Chico utilizes a dual advising system to help you graduate on time. Undergraduate students are provided support through the Academic Advising Programs office as well as a major department advisor. While Academic Advisors help answer questions regarding GE, campus policies and procedures, and general university questions, your major department advisor can help with questions regarding major coursework, internships, and course substitutions.

MAP: Please review the Major Academic Plan (MAP) created to guide you toward completing all the requirements of your degree in four years: http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/18/maps/POLSGPOLBA.html

Two Courses Required: 7 Units

_____ POLS 331W/331X Intro to Research Methods/Techniques of Research (4 units)
_____ POLS 141 International Relations

One Political Theory Course Selected From: 3 Units

_____ POLS 432 Recent American Political Thought
_____ POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
_____ POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
_____ POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (also offered as PHIL 438)

Two American Government and Politics Courses Selected From: 6 Units

_____ POLS 324W Women and Politics (also offered as WMST 324W)
_____ POLS 327 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States (USD course; also offered as MCGS 327)
_____ POLS 402 State and Local Government
_____ POLS 404 Interest Groups and Lobbying
_____ POLS 424 Public Opinion and Propaganda (also offered as CMST and JOUR 424)
_____ POLS 427S U.S. Campaigns and Elections
_____ POLS 471A Public Policy Formation
_____ POLS 472 The Presidency
_____ POLS 473 Congress

One Constitutional Law Course Selected From: 3 Units

_____ POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
_____ POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (also offered as MCGS 451B)

One Community Service Internship Selected From: 3 Units

_____ POLS 489A Internship in Public Administration
_____ POLS 489C Internship in Political Science
_____ POLS 489E Internship in Criminal Justice
_____ POLS 489K Internship in Legal Studies
_____ POLS 489P Work or Community Experience in Selected Govt/Community Agencies
Required Senior Capstone Courses: 5 Units
_______ POLS 397  Tutorial in Political Science (1 unit)
_______ POLS 399  Special Problems (1 unit)
_______ POLS 429W  Capstone in American Politics

Elective Courses: 9 Units
Any upper-division (300 or 400 level) political science (POLS) courses (with no more than 6 units from internships and 3 units of independent research or study counting toward the major).

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Two American Government and Politics Courses Selected From: 6 Units
_______ POLS 402  State and Local Government
_______ POLS 472  The Presidency
_______ POLS 473  Congress

One Legal Studies Course Selected From: 3 Units
_______ POLS 351  Introduction to Legal Studies
_______ POLS 451A  Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
_______ POLS 451B  Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (also offered as MCGS 451B)

One Political Theory Course Selected From: 3 Units
_______ POLS 432  Recent American Political Thought
_______ POLS 434  Origins of Western Political Thought
_______ POLS 437  Contemporary Political Thought
_______ POLS 438  Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (also offered as PHIL 438)

One International Relations Course Selected From: 3 Units
_______ POLS 102  Politics of the Developing World (GC course)
_______ POLS 141  International Relations

Two Courses Selected From: 6-7 Units
_______ POLS 301  Vital Political Problems
_______ POLS 324W  Women and Politics (also offered as WMST 324W)
_______ POLS 327  The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States (USD course; also offered as MCGS 327)
_______ POLS 331W/331X  Intro to Research Methods/Techniques of Research (4 units)
_______ POLS 401W  Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (USD course)
_______ POLS 402  State and Local Government (if didn't take as Am Govt and Politics course)
_______ POLS 404  Interest Groups and Lobbying
_______ POLS 427S  U.S. Campaigns and Elections
_______ POLS 460A  Introduction to Public Administration
_______ POLS 461  Environmental Politics and Policy
_______ POLS 471A  Public Policy Formation
_______ POLS 472  The Presidency (if didn't take as Am Govt and Politics course)
_______ POLS 473  Congress (if didn't take as Am Govt and Politics course)
_______ POLS 489A  Internship in Public Administration
_______ POLS 489B  Internship in International Relations
_______ POLS 489C  Internship in Political Science
_______ POLS 489E  Internship in Criminal Justice
_______ POLS 489G  Internship in Sustainability
_______ POLS 489K  Internship in Legal Studies