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
- Professor Teodora DeLorenzo: Legal Studies Internship Coordinator
- Professor Diana Dwyre: Political Science & Political Science Internship Coordinator
- 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 & PA Internship 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
Department of Political Science
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.)
- 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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TENURED and TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Mahalley Allen, 2005, Assoc. Professor, Legal Studies Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Kansas, J.D., Univ. of Missouri
Rhonda Allen, 2012, Professor, Ph.D., University at Albany, State University of New York
Sally Anderson, 2007, Asst. Professor, J.D., McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific
Sharon A. Barrios, 1999, Professor, Ph.D., Princeton University
Dane A. Cameron, 1981, Asst. Professor, J.D., Golden Gate University
Jonathan Caudill, 2010, Asst. Professor, Criminal Justice Internship Coord., Ph.D., Univ. of Texas at Dallas
Michael Coyle, 2007, Assoc. 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 Charles 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 Emeritus, Master of Public Administration (MPA) Coord., Ph.D., University of Idaho
Ryan Patten, 2007, Assoc. Professor, Department Vice Chair and Criminal Justice Coordinator, Ph.D., Washington State University
Sherrow Pinder, 2006, Assoc. Professor, Ph.D., New School for Social Research
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
Jennifer Wilking, 2012, Asst. Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Davis
| Major: The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  | California State University, Chico  | Degree Units: 120 |
| Option: Political Science (Legal Studies) |  | Major Units: 46  Elective Units: 24 |

**MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP)**

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**Transfer Students:** It is recommended that you review your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center, meet with your Major Department Advisor, and meet with an Academic Advisor in SSC 220 to review General Education, Major, and Graduation requirements.

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<td>Complete a minimum of 4 Writing Intensive (WI) courses—one will be met by your Written Communication Course and one by your Capstone Course; select 2 additional WI courses.</td>
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**Fifth Semester**

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