



California State University **Chico**
Political Science and
Criminal Justice Department

BA in Political Science Option in Legal Studies 2023-2024 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.

Degree Requirements: Please review the program and graduation requirements for the major.

Major Core Program Courses: 23 units

Research Methodology – Two (2) Courses required:

_____	POLS 331W	Introduction to Research Methods (W) (4 units)
_____	POLS 396	Research Symposium Experience (1 unit)

Introductory Political Science – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	POLS 101	Vital Political Problems
_____	LEGL 112	Law, Politics, and Justice (USD course)

International Relations and Comparative Politics – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	INTR 141	Introduction to International Relations
_____	INTR 142	Introduction to Comparative Politics

Political Theory – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	POLS 432	American Political Thought
_____	POLS 434	Origins of Western Political Thought
_____	POLS/AFAM 435	Black Political Thought (contact Professor Rose for substitution)
_____	POLS 437	Contemporary Political Thought
_____	LEGL/PHIL 438	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

U.S. Politics – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government
_____	POLS 472	The Presidency
_____	POLS 473	Congress

Public Policy and Public Administration – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	CRIM 250	Introduction to Criminal Justice (USD course)
_____	PADM 260	Introduction to Public Administration
_____	INTR 344	U.S. Foreign Policy
_____	LEGL 461	Environmental Politics and Policy
_____	PADM 471	Public Policy Formation

Constitutional Law – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
_____	LEGL/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Option in Legal Studies: 21 Units

Foundation – Four (4) Required Courses

_____	LEGL 251	Introduction to Legal Studies
_____	LEGL 454W	Legal Research and Writing
_____	LEGL 455	Civil Litigation (prerequisite LEGL 454W)
_____	LEGL 459	Senior Seminar in Legal Studies

Internship or Practicum – Select six (6) units from the following:¹

_____	LEGL 489K	Internship in Legal Studies
_____	LEGL 490	Legal Clinic Practicum

Elective Requirement - Select one of the following, if not used above.

_____	LEGL 258	Criminal Law
_____	LEGL 356	Legal Analysis
_____	LEGL 365W	Theories, Practices, and Administration of Justice
_____	LEGL/MCGS 401W	Sexual Minorities Law/Politics
_____	LEGL 450	Criminal Procedure
_____	LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints ²
_____	LEGL/MCGS 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties ²
_____	LEGL 452	Alternative Dispute Resolution
_____	LEGL 461	Environmental Politics and Policy ²
_____	LEGL 464	Administrative Law
_____	LEGL/SWRK 481	Law and Disadvantaged Persons
_____	LEGL 491	Trial and Appellate Advocacy

¹ These classes may be taken more than once for credit.

² LEGL 451A, LEGL/MCGS 451B or LEGL 461 may be used to satisfy this requirement if not used above in major core.

_____	LEGL 495	Community Legal Information Clinic Directorship ³
_____	INTR 410	International Law
_____	BLAW 413	Employment Law
_____	BLAW 414	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
_____	BLAW 415	Entrepreneurship Law (prerequisite MGMT 450)
_____	FINA 453	Estate Planning (prerequisite FINA 307)
_____	JOUR 320	Mass Communication Law
_____	PHHA 432	Laws, Ethics, and Regulations in Health Services
_____	RHPM 428	Legal Principles of Recreation, Hospitality, and Parks Management

³ Only three units may be counted for this section.