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 Restraints²
   _______ LEGL/MCGS 451B  Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties²
   _______ LEGL 452  Alternative Dispute Resolution
   _______ LEGL 461  Environmental Politics and Policy²
   _______ 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
_______ 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

Only three units may be counted for this section.