BA in Political Science, Option in U.S. Politics, 2021-2022 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.

Total Course Units for BA in U.S. Politics: 42 Units

Major Core Program Courses: 22 Units

Research Methodology - 1 Course Required:
______ POLS 331W Introduction to Research Methods (4 units)

Introductory Political Science - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 101 Vital Political Problems
______ POLS 112 Law, Politics, and Justice

International Relations and Comparative Politics - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 141 Introduction to International Relations
______ POLS 142 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Political Theory - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 432 Recent American Political Thought
______ POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
______ POLS 435 Black Political Thought
______ POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
______ POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

U.S. Politics - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 402 State and Local Government
______ POLS 472 The Presidency
______ POLS 473 Congress

Public Policy and Public Administration - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 250 Introduction to Criminal Justice
______ POLS 344 U.S. Foreign Policy
______ POLS 460A Introduction to Public Administration
______ POLS 461 Environmental Politics and Policy
______ POLS 471A Public Policy Formation

Constitutional Law - 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 451A Constitutional Law: Powers and Restraints
______ POLS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (also offered as MCGS 451B)

Option in U.S. Politics: 20 Units

Research Methodology – 3 units
______ POLS 421 Methods of Political Inquiry
Prerequisite: POLS 331W or permission of instructor

U.S. Political Institutions – 1 Course Selected From:
______ POLS 402 State and Local Government*
______ POLS 472 The Presidency*
______ POLS 473 Congress*
* If not used above in the major core.
U.S. Politics – 1 Course Selected From:

_____ 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 328  Latino Politics
_____ POLS 404  Interest Groups and Lobbying
_____ POLS 427S  U.S. Campaigns and Elections

Internship or Practicum – 1 Course Selected From:

_____ 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
_____ POLS 490  Legal Clinic Practicum

Required Senior Capstone Courses – 5 units:

_____ POLS 397  Tutorial in Political Science (1 unit)
_____ POLS 399  Special Problems (1 unit)
_____ POLS 429W  Senior Seminar in U.S. Politics (Upper-Division Writing Requirement)

Elective Requirement – 3 units

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

Minor in Political Science: 22 Units

2 American Government and Politics Courses – 6 units

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

1 Legal Studies Course – 3 Units

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

1 Political Theory Course – 3 Units

_____ POLS 432  Recent American Political Thought
_____ POLS 434  Origins of Western Political Thought
_____ POLS 435  Black Political Thought
_____ POLS 437  Contemporary Political Thought
_____ POLS 438  Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (also offered as PHIL 438)

1 International Relations/Comparative Politics Course – 3 Units

_____ POLS 102  Politics of the Developing World (GC course)
_____ POLS 141  International Relations
_____ POLS 142  Introduction to Comparative Politics

2 Courses – 6 Units

_____ POLS 301  Vital Political Problems
_____ POLS 324W  Women and Politics
       (also offered as WMST 324W)
_____ POLS 327  Politics Race & Ethnicity in U.S.
       (USD course; also MCGS 327)
_____ POLS 328  Latino Politics
_____ POLS 401W  Sexual Minorities Law/Politics
       (USD course)
_____ POLS 402  State and Local Government*
_____ POLS 404  Interest Groups & Lobbying
_____ POLS 427  U.S. Campaigns and Elections
_____ POLS 460A  Intro to Public Administration
_____ POLS 461  Environmental Politics & Policy

* If not used above as an American Government and Politics course requirement.