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 (USD course)

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 American Political Thought
    ______ POLS 434 Origins of Western Political Thought
    ______ POLS 435 Black Political Thought (contact Professor Dwyre to make substitution)
    ______ POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought
    ______ POLS 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law (also offered as PHIL 438)

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 (USD course)
    ______ POLS 260 Introduction to Public Administration
    ______ POLS 344 U.S. Foreign Policy
    ______ POLS 461 Environmental Politics and Policy
    ______ POLS 471 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 Applied Research Methods
      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 (also offered as CHLX 328)
- POLS 404 Interest Groups and Lobbying
- POLS 427 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 396
- POLS 399
- POLS 429W
- Research Symposium Experience (1 unit)
- Special Problems (1 unit)
- 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 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 Introduction to International Relations
- POLS 142 Introduction to Comparative Politics

2 Courses – 6 Units

- POLS 260 Intro to Public Administration
- POLS 301 Vital Political Problems
- POLS 324W Politics Race & Ethnicity in U.S.
  (also offered as WMST 324W)
- POLS 327 Latino Politics (also CHLX 328)
- POLS 401W Sexual Minorities Law/Politics
  (USD course; also MCGS 401W)
- POLS 402 State and Local Government*
- POLS 404 Interest Groups & Lobbying
- POLS 427 U.S Campaigns and Elections
- POLS 461 Environmental Politics & Policy

- POLS 471 Public Policy Formation
- POLS 472 The Presidency*
- POLS 473 Congress*
- POLS 489A Internship Public Admin
- POLS 489B Internship Intl. Relations
- POLS 489C Internship Political Science
- POLS 489E Internship Criminal Justice
- POLS 489G Internship Sustainability
- POLS 489K Internship Legal Studies
- POLS 490 Legal Clinic Practicum

* If not used above for Amer. Govt. requirement.