



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

BA in Political Science Option in U.S. Politics 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.

Major Core Program Courses: 22 units

Research Methodology – One (1) Course required:

_____ POLS 331W Introduction to Research Methods (W) (4 units)

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

_____ POLS 101 Vital Political Problems (Social Science Area D Course)

_____ LEGL 112 Law, Politics, and Justice (USD & Social Science Area D 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 435 Black Political Thought

_____ POLS 437 Contemporary Political Thought

_____ POLS/PHIL 438 Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

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

_____ POLS 402 State and Local Government (CA Studies Pathway Course)

_____ 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 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Option in U.S. Politics: 19 units

Research Methodology – Three (3) units:

_____	POLS 421	Applied Research Methods
		<i>Prerequisite: POLS 331W or permission of instructor</i>

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

_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government* (CA Studies Pathway Course)
_____	POLS 472	The Presidency*
_____	POLS 473	Congress*

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

_____	POLS 324W	Women and Politics (Gender and Sexuality Pathway course; 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/CHLX 328	Latino Politics (Ethnic Studies, Area F course)
_____	POLS 404	Interest Groups and Lobbying
_____	POLS 427	U.S. Campaigns and Elections

Internship or Practicum – One (1) Course selected from:

_____	PADM 489A	Internship in Public Administration
_____	POLS 489C	Internship in Political Science
_____	CRIM 489E	Internship in Criminal Justice
_____	LEGL 489K	Internship in Legal Studies
_____	PADM 489P	Work or Community Experience in Selected Govt/Community Agencies
_____	LEGL 490	Legal Clinic Practicum

* If not used in Major Core

Required Senior Capstone Courses – Five (5) units:

_____	POLS 396	Research Symposium Experience (1 unit)
_____	POLS 399	Special Problems (1 unit)
_____	POLS 429W	Senior Seminar in U.S. Politics (Upper-Division Writing Requirement)

Elective Requirement – Three (3) units:

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

Minor in Political Science

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Minor Program Courses: 22 units

Two (2) American Government Courses: 6 Units

_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government (CA Studies Pathway Course)
_____	POLS 472	The Presidency
_____	POLS 402	Congress

One (1) Legal Studies Course: 3 Units

_____	LEGL 451A	Constitutional Law: Power and Restraints
_____	LEGL 451B	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

One (1) Political Theory Course selected from: 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/PHIL 438	Jurisprudence: Philosophy of Law

One (1) International Relations/Comparative Politics Course: 3 units

_____	INTR 102	Politics of the Developing World (Social Science Area D &GC Course)
_____	INTR 141	Introduction to International Relations
_____	INTR 142	Introduction to Comparative Politics

Two (2) Courses: 6 units

_____	PADM 260	Intro to Public Administration
_____	POLS 301	Vital Political Problems
_____	POLS/WMST 324W	Women and Politics (Gender and Sexuality Pathway Course)
_____	POLS 327	Politics Race & Ethnicity in U.S. (USD Course)
_____	POLS/CHLX 328	Latino Politics (Ethnic Studies, Area F Course)
_____	LEGL/MCGS 401 W	Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (USD & Gender Sexuality Pathway Course)
_____	POLS 402	State and Local Government* (CA Studies Pathway Course)
_____	POLS 404	U.S. Campaigns and Elections
_____	LEGL 461	Environmental Politics & Policy
_____	PADM 471	Public Policy Formation
_____	POLS 472	The Presidency*
_____	POLS 473	Congress*
_____	PADM 489A	Internship Public Administration

_____	POLS 489C	Internship in Political Science
_____	CRIM 489E	Internship in Criminal Justice
_____	POLS 489G	Internship in Sustainability
_____	LEGL 489K	Internship in Legal Studies
_____	LEGL 490	Legal Clinic Practicum

*If not used for American Government requirement