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
  Prerequisite: POLS 331W or permission of instructor

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).
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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