



4 + 1 Combined BACHELOR of ARTS (B.A.) in POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS) & MASTERS OF ARTS (M.A.) in American Studies

School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (SOBL)

<https://stockton.edu/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science.html>

In this 5-year program, you earn a B.A. and stay 1 additional year to earn an M.A.! The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your preceptor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of her/his/their own depending on actual courses. Students must complete 96+ credits and have a 3.2 GPA in their major prior to their senior year to remain eligible.

FIRST-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Choose a FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1002 Critical Thinking and Reading* 2) GXX 10XX Attribute: First-Year Seminar	4	POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics (required)** <i>online</i> (available Summer) Attribute: H	4
Choose a WRITING W1 course (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1101 College Writing* 2) GSS 2121 Argument & Persuasion In Social Sciences Attribute: W1	4	POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>) Attribute: I-International or Q2	4
Choose a MATH Q1 course (placement required) <i>in-person or online</i> (available summer) 1) FRST 1100 Developmental Math* 2) FRST 1103/1703 Quantitative Reasoning/Lab* 3) CIST 1206 Statistics (required) Attribute: Q1	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
POLS 1100 Intro to Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: V-Values	4	1XXX or 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or At-Some-Distance (ASD) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Attend [Welcome Week](#) events & Get Involved!
- Meet your “preceptor” also known as your faculty advisor
- Learn about Campus Services & Resources like the [Dean of Students](#) and [Wellness Center](#) for your [mental](#) and [physical health](#)
- Find other services like [Military & Veteran Services](#) or other offices for support
- Search [Osprey Hub](#) for Clubs & Events like Model UN and Amnesty International
- Add a [Minor](#) & explore other course options
- Find an [on-campus job](#)
- Meet with the [Learning Access Program \(LAP\)](#) for disability support
- Visit the library & find locations to study on campus
- Write for [The Argo](#), Stockton’s Independent paper

*FRST 1002, 1101, 1100, and 1103/1703 are only open to students placed into these courses.

**POLS majors must take POLS 2100 *before* they earn 76 credits (beginning of the third year).

<p>WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE WITH MY BA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 credits POLS + • 24 credits Cognate or additional POLS + • 32 credits General Studies (GENS) including GAH 2275 INTRO TO AMERICAN STUDIES + • 32 credits At Some Distance (ASD) or GENS = • 128 TOTAL Credits 	<p>Other Requirements as part of your 128 B.A. credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing: 4 W1/W2 courses (2 can be transferred) w/ a C or higher • Math & Quantitative Analysis: 3 Q1/Q2 courses (2 Q1 can be transferred) • Race & Racism Education: 2 R1/R2 courses (0 can be transferred) • Arts (A), Values (V), History (H), & International (I): 1 course each • Specific G-categories: 1 GEN, 2 GSS, 2 GNM, 2 GAH, 1 GIS
<p><i>Hint: Search for courses that fulfill multiple university requirements!</i></p>	

SECOND-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4	POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4
POLS 2245 Race & Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: R2	4	POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
POLS Local Internship or POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective or Cognate <i>mostly in-person</i>	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4
2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: A, R1, or Q2	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD; GAH 2275 INTRO TO AMERICAN STUDIES (recommended) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

<p>TO DO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your Preceptor • Explore local internship opportunities • Choose a semester for your Washington D.C. internship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to get involved with student clubs • Explore short-term & semester-long study abroad opportunities • Consider adding a Minor if you haven't already • Apply for on-campus jobs
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OPTIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a Local Internship for POLS credits • Join a Professor in a Summer Intensive Research Experience (SIRE) course • Do an Independent Study on a topic of interest • Take Summer Courses in POLS, Cognate, General Studies, or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>

IN FIVE YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go to Washington D.C. for the Entire Semester through the Washington Center internship program in fall or spring - Conduct Research with Your Professors through Independent Studies, Hughes Center student research fellows, Board of Trustees Fellowships, and more - Explore your academic, professional, and personal interests through our unique degree program that includes General Studies and At-Some-Distance courses in a variety of subject areas - Travel abroad for 1-2 weeks as part of a Stockton Class! Faculty-Led Programs (FLP) provide many options

IN FIVE YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- **Study Abroad** for the [entire semester or year](#) with credits counting towards your B.A. degree
- **Add a Minor** in Economics, Languages, Writing, Global Studies, Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies, Migration, Victimology, and more (see the list [here](#))
- **Complete a Local Internship** for credit towards your B.A. degree
- **Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors** if you meet the criteria for this Honors Designation
- **Participate in Model UN** and go to [National Model UN conferences](#) in Washington D.C., NYC, and abroad
- **Get Involved with Student Clubs** like Amnesty International, Student Senate, multicultural clubs, etc.
- **Take Summer Courses** to stay on track with your degree plan

THIRD-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 3150 Political Methodology (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: Q1	4	Travel Abroad for 1-2 Weeks through a Faculty-Led Program to Ecuador, South Africa, Iceland, Japan, France, Ghana, Colombia, Italy, & More! For more details visit this website .	4
POLS Local Internship or POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>)	4	POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics (<i>in person</i>), International Politics (<i>in person or online</i>), Public Policy (<i>in person</i>), or Political Theory (<i>online</i>) or POLS Elective including Independent Study	4	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
2XXX or 3XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	3XXX or 4XXX GIS capstone course for General Studies (required) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO:

- Take a wide range of G courses including in American Studies
- Continue to see your Preceptor
- Apply for the American Political Science Association (APSA) [Ralph Bunche Summer Institute \(RBSI\)](#)
- Plan your [Washington D.C. Internship Program](#)
- Explore research opportunities like [Diplomacy Lab](#) to work on projects for the U.S. State Department
- Apply for student research positions at the [Hughes Center for Public Policy](#)
- Start your post-college planning! Visit the [Career Center](#)
- Look for opportunities to do Independent Studies and Research Projects! Tell your professor(s) that you'd like to conduct research under their supervision.
- Explore local internship opportunities with campaigns, government offices, and more
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (applications sent via email)
- Explore federal pathway and other internship programs with [USAJOBS](#)
- Run for leadership positions in a student club and/or Student Senate

REQUIRED SUMMER EXPERIENCE

REQUIRED: take at least one (1) [Summer Course](#) in POLS, Cognate, General Studies, or ASD *in-person*

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or online. Note: you may add a 5th course in the fall or spring instead, however we strongly recommend taking the summer course and keeping your workload at 4 courses/semester in the fall and spring.

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 -also counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits toward MA & 4 for the B.A.	4
POLS 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4	POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation	4
AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3	AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMST (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION B: Washington Internship or Study Abroad			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 -also counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits toward MA & 4 for the B.A.	4
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course (2 courses)	8	AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4	AMST 5XXX Elective - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
		AMST 5001 Research Methods in AMS (required) - counts as ASD or Cognate for POLS & counts towards the MA degree = 3 credits	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	13

TO DO:

- **REQUIRED:** With 96+ credits and a 3.2 GPA in POLS, declare the AMST M.A. Concentration and start your Master's work in your senior year. Senior Year credits count toward both your B.A. and M.A. degrees.
- Apply for graduation for the BA degree in Political Science. Deadline is Feb 1.

- Meet again with your Preceptor!
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (if you haven't already)
- Request letters of recommendation from your professors
- Present a paper at the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference](#) or other conference
- Submit a paper for publication at the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics](#) or other forum

Total B.A. Credit Hours = 128

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus Senior Year + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AAMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

FIFTH-YEAR OPTION B: WASH/Study Abroad + M.A. American Studies Program			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
AMST 5000 Proseminar in American Studies (required)	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5xxx Elective	3
AMST 5xxx Elective	3	AMST 5XXX Elective	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	9

Total Combined B.A. and M.A. Credit Hours = 146