



BACHELOR of ARTS (B.A.) in POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (SOBL)

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

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. Please note that POLS students are strongly encouraged to take no more than 4 courses/semester.

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 2170 Introduction to International Politics (required) <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Q2 and I-International	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 third year).

WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

- 40 credits POLS +
- 24 credits Cognate or additional POLS +
- 32 credits General Studies (GENS) +
- 32 credits At Some Distance (ASD) or GENS =
- 128 TOTAL Credits**

Other Requirements *as part of your 128 credits*:

- 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

Hint: Search for courses that fulfill multiple university requirements!

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 2160 Introduction to Comparative Politics (required) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
POLS 2276 U.S. Foreign Policy <i>in-person</i> Attribute: I	4	International Affairs Elective: POLS 2XXX or 3XXX <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>	4
International Affairs Elective: 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4	2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4
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TO DO:

- Meet with your Preceptor
- Explore local internship opportunities
- Choose a semester for your [Washington D.C. internship](#)
- 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](#)

OPTIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES

- 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 *in-person or online*

IN FOUR YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- 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
- 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 Public Policy or Political Theory <i>in-person or online</i>	4	International Affairs POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX Elective <i>in-person or online</i>	4
POLS 2245 Race & Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: R2	4	2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4
2XXX or 3XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4	3XXX or 4XXX GIS capstone course for General Studies (required) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
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TO DO:

- 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

OPTIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES

- 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 *in-person or online*

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION A: On Campus in New Jersey

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i>	4	POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (W2) (required) <i>in-person</i>	4
POLS 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i>	4	POLS 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4
3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4	3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i>	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

FOURTH-YEAR OPTION B: Washington Internship or Study Abroad

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i>	4	Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4
POLS 3XXX or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>mostly in-person</i>	4	Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course (2 courses)	8
POLS 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i>	4	Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course	4
3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding for graduation	4		
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TO DO:

- 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](#)
- Submit a paper for publication at the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics](#)
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (if you haven't already)
- Finalize post-graduate plans

Total Credit Hours: 128