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FRESHMAN			SOPHOMORE			JUNIOR			SENIOR		
Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring
American & CA Government POLS 112 (4) ² [D1]	Intro to International Relations POLS 225 (4)	Basic Concepts of Political Thought POLS 230 (4)	POLS Major Course (4) ³ 300-400 Level Elective	POLS Major Course (4) ³ 300-400 Level Elective	POLS Major Course (4) ³ 300-400 Level Elective	POLS Major Course (4) ³ 300-400 Level Elective	Research Design POLS 359 (4) (STAT 217)	Data Analysis in Political Science POLS 361 (4) (POLS 359)	Senior Project I POLS 461 (2) (POLS 359; POLS 361; Sr Standing)		
Political Inquiry POLS 180 (4) ¹					POLS Diversity & Inclusion Course Choose one: POLS 308, 310, 343, 380, 417, 419, 445, 457, or 459 (4) ^{4*}					Senior Project II POLS 462 (2) (POLS 359; POLS 361; Sr Standing)	
Intro to Comparative Politics POLS 229 (4)	Select one course from: Any 200- or 300- level ES or WGQS course (4)*				Judicial Process POLS 245 (4)	American Constitutional Law POLS 341 (4) (GE Area D1, Recom: POLS 112)	Civil Rights in America POLS 343 (4) (GE Area D1, Recom: POLS 112) [USCP]	Civil Liberties POLS 344 (4) (GE Area D1, Recom: POLS 112)	Approved Elective (8) ^{3,4*} Select two of the following: BUS 207, 409, 410; CRP/NR 404, 408; CRP 420; ES 380; JOUR 302, LS 214; PHIL 334; POLS 295, 340, 342, 384, 386 or 387 (4 units max), 417, 426, 445, 457; PSY 375; SOC 402, 406, 412.		Jurisprudence POLS 334 (4) (GE Area D1, Recom: POLS 112)
Oral Communication COMS 101/102 (4)** [A1]		Intro to Statistical Concepts & Methods STAT 217 (4) [B4]	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **
Expository Writing ENGL 133/134 (4)** [A2]			GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **
	Reasoning, Argumentation, & Writing [A3] COMS 126, 145, ENGL 145, 147, ES 145, PHIL 126, or WGQS 145 (4)** (Completion of GE A2 with a C- or better) Can be taken anytime between Winter of Freshman and Winter of Sophomore Years.				Free Elective (4)	Free Elective (4)			Free Elective (4)	Free Elective (4)	Free Elective (4)
GE (4) **	GE (4) **	GE (4) **		Free Elective (4)	Graduation Writing Requirement GWR* (Students can attempt to fulfill the requirement after 90 earned units; students should complete the requirement before senior year)						
16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	12	14	14	12
										TOTAL:	180

Notes:

MOST GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES CAN BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER AS LONG AS PREREQUISITES ARE MET

* Refer to current catalog for prerequisites.

**One course from each of the following GE areas must be completed: A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, Upper-Division B, C1, C2, Lower-Division C Elective, Upper-Division C, D2, Upper-Division D, Lower-Division E, F, and GE Electives (8). Upper-Division B, Upper-Division C, and Upper-Division D should be taken only after Junior standing is reached (90 units).

One (1) course must be completed from B4, in addition to STAT 217. No POLS class may be taken to fulfill Upper-Division D.

Refer to online catalog for GE course selection, United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) and Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR).

USCP requirement can be satisfied by some (but not all) courses within GE categories: Upper-Division B, C1, Upper-Division C, D1, Upper-Division D, or E.

¹ Transfer Students should take POLS 180 their first quarter at Cal Poly.

² If you pass both the AP US History and the AP US Government exams with a 3 or higher and take POLS 111 to fulfill GE D1, you will not take POLS 112

³ A total of 4 units of either POLS 386 or POLS 387 may count toward upper division Political Science electives. A total of 4 units of either POLS 386 or 387 may count towards the concentration. A total of 4 units of either POLS 386 or POLS 387 may count toward Free Electives. Any combination of POLS 386 and POLS 387 may be taken for a maximum of 12 units total credit for the degree.

⁴ Consultation with a faculty advisor is recommended prior to selecting Approved Electives; bear in mind your selections may impact pursuit of post-baccalaureate studies/goals.

⁵ Political Science Diversity and Inclusion course cannot be double-counted from Concentration courses.

⁶ If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.

Legend:

Course Title	Major (52)
Course # (Units) (Prerequisite)	Support (12)
[GE Area]	General Ed. (64)
	Concentration (28)
	Free Electives (24) ⁶