

# BA Political Science Suggested Plan of Study

## 39 credits in Major

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<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>
Political Science 101 or 195 (3cr.) either can count as a Gen. Ed Distribution and 195 is a Core <sup>1</sup> General Education Distribution (3 cr.) (Racial Issues Course) General Education Distribution (3 cr.) English 191 (4 cr.) Core General Ed (3 or 4 cr.) <b>Total semester Credits= 16 to 17</b>	Political Science 101 or 195 (3cr.) either can count as a Gen. Ed Distribution and 195 is a core <sup>1</sup> Pol 201 or 251 (3 cr.) <sup>2</sup> Core General Ed (3 or 4 cr.) General Education Distribution (3 cr.) University Elective (3 cr.) <b>Total semester Credits=15 to 16</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
Pol 201 or 251 (either fall or spring for 201 3 cr.) Core General Ed (3 or 4 cr.) General Education Distribution (3 cr.) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3 cr.) <sup>3</sup> Political Science/University Elective (3 cr.) <b>Total semester Credits=15 to 16</b>	Pol 201 (either fall or spring 3 cr.) Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Political Science/University Elective (3 cr.) General Education Distribution (3 cr.) Minor/Foreign Language/or University Elective (3 cr.) PESS 122 (1 cr.) <b>Total semester Credits=16</b>
<b>Fifth Semester</b>	<b>Sixth Semester</b>
Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> General Education Distribution (3cr.) Suggested Internship (any semester or summer of junior or senior year) If not doing an internship do political science or university <sup>5</sup> Electives or minor (3-9 cr.) <b>Total Semester Credits=15</b>	Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> General Education Distribution (3cr.) Electives (6 cr.) <b>Total Semester Credits=15</b>
<b>Seventh Semester</b>	<b>Eighth Semester</b>
Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Political Science 420 Writing Requirement (fall or spring 1 cr.) <sup>6</sup> Electives (6 cr.) <b>Total Semester Credits= 15</b>	Pol 300-400 required area or elective (3 cr.) <sup>4</sup> Political Science 420 Writing Requirement (fall or spring 1 cr.) <sup>6</sup> Electives (9 credits) <b>Total Semester Credits= 15</b>

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Pol 101 and 195 and 251 may be taken in any order, i.e., 101 is not a prerequisite for 195. Suggested General Education electives are Computer Science 169, Economics 205-206, History 141-142 and Foreign Languages.

<sup>2</sup> 201 should be taken before your junior year.

<sup>3</sup> A minor, double major or two classes of the same foreign language is required with a BA in Political Science.

<sup>4</sup> One course in American Government (300- or 400 level).

One course in Comparative Government (300- or 400 level).

One course in International Relations (300- or 400 level).

One course in Political Theory (300- or 400 level)

For a current list of courses that fulfill each of the above distribution areas see the Department of Political Science office.

**Electives: 12 Cr.**

Any POL course not used to meet the above requirements may be used as an elective in political science, with the following exceptions: a maximum of 6 credits from POL 444 and up to 3 credits of independent study as survey director may be earned. A maximum of 3 credits may be used from non-departmental offerings, including the following ECON courses (350, 360, 460, 461, 474, 478, 483), and other courses by petition and with the approval of the department. Selection from other courses must be included with the initial major application accompanied by a reason for the request showing how the proposed course relates to the political science major.

<sup>5</sup> Internships must be arranged and approved in advance by the Department Internship Advisor.

<sup>6</sup> POL 420— 1 credit course that fulfills the university's Upper Division Writing Requirement (UDWR) and is taken in conjunction with an approved 3 credit, 400 level courses. Each semester's current list of 400 level courses is available at the POL department office.

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A student must pass POL 101 and 195 with a grade of "C-" or better before admission to the major. Only courses with a grade of "C-" or better may be counted toward the major. At least 24 credits must be taken at the 300- level or above in the major.

A student may apply to the departmental chairperson to pursue the departmental honors program. Upon successful completion of this, a notation of departmental honors will appear on the transcript at graduation. The departmental honors program requires (a) a cumulative grade point of at least 3.25 in the total university program and 3.5 in the major; (b) a senior project through an honors independent study course (3 credits toward the major); and (c) passage of an oral exam on the senior project. See departmental chairperson for detailed procedures. Majors in all three programs, international relations, political science, and public administration, must meet the same basic requirements for honors.

Not all Political Science course are offered every semester or year. Contact the Political Science Department for specific course offerings. SCSU requires a minimum of 120 semester credits to earn a Bachelors degree, 45 of these credits must be at the 300 or 400 level.