



PRE-LAW CONCENTRATION
BACHELOR of ARTS (B.A.) in POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)
 School of Behavioral and Social Sciences (SOBL) Stockton University
<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 | | | |
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| 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Welcome Week events & Get Involved! <input type="checkbox"/> Meet your “preceptor” also known as your faculty advisor <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about Campus Services & Resources like the Dean of Students and Wellness Center for your mental and physical health <input type="checkbox"/> Find other services like Military & Veteran Services or other offices for support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Search Osprey Hub for Clubs & Events like Model UN and Amnesty International <input type="checkbox"/> Add a Minor & explore other course options <input type="checkbox"/> Find an on-campus job <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with the Learning Access Program (LAP) for disability support <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the library & find locations to study on campus <input type="checkbox"/> Write for The Argo, Stockton’s Independent paper |
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*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 | |
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| 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 | 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 |
| POLS 2245 Race & Politics <i>in-person</i> Attribute: R2 | 4 | POLS 2215 Law School Basics (required) <i>online only</i> | 4 |
| POLS Local Internship or POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective, or Cognate <i>mostly in-person</i> | 4 | PRE-LAW POLS elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</i> | 4 |
| 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation | 4 | 2XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation | 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

IN FOUR YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- 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

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| 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, International Politics, Public Policy, or Political Theory <i>in-person or online</i> | 4 | POLS 3225 Civil Liberties (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 | 4 |
| PRE-LAW POLS or Cognate including Independent Study <i>in-person or online</i> | 4 | 2XXX, 3XXX, or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <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> | 4 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to see your Preceptor <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the American Political Science Association (APSA) Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Plan your Washington D.C. Internship Program <input type="checkbox"/> Explore research opportunities like Diplomacy Lab to work on projects for the U.S. State Department <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for student research positions at the Hughes Center for Public Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Start your post-college planning! Visit the Career Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look for opportunities to do Independent Studies and Research Projects! Tell your professor(s) that you'd like to conduct research under their supervision. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore local internship opportunities with campaigns, government offices, and more <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (applications sent via email) <input type="checkbox"/> Explore federal pathway and other internship programs with USAJOBS <input type="checkbox"/> Run for leadership positions in a student club and/or Student Senate |
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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 | |
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| POLS 3221 Constitutional Law (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 | 4 | POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 | 4 |
| PRE-LAW POLS 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> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation | 4 | 3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) or ASD <i>in-person or online</i> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation | 4 |
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FOURTH-YEAR OPTION B: Washington Internship or Study Abroad

| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (required) <i>in-person</i> Attribute: W2 | 4 | Washington D.C. Internship (WASH) or Study Abroad course | 4 |
| PRE-LAW POLS elective or Cognate <i>in-person or online</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> Attribute: Any outstanding required for graduation | 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 required for graduation | 4 | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet again with your Preceptor! <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (if you haven't already) <input type="checkbox"/> Take the LSAT <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize post-graduate plans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation from your professors <input type="checkbox"/> Present a paper at the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Submit a paper for publication at the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics |
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Total Credit Hours: 128