



**Social Studies Education/Teacher Education (TEDU)
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 preceptors in POLS and Education (EDUC). Every student will finish with a unique plan of her/his/their own depending on actual courses.

FIRST-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 1100 Intro to Politics	4	POLS 2100 Introduction to American Politics (required)** <i>in-person or online</i>	4
Choose a FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1002 Critical Thinking and Reading* 2) GXX 10XX	4	POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics, International Politics, Public Policy, or Political Theory	4
Choose a WRITING W1 course <i>in-person or online</i> 1) FRST 1101 College Writing* 2) GSS 2121 Argument And Persuasion In Social Sciences	4	EDUC 2241 Inclusive Learning in Education to fulfill Inclusive Learning in Education Professional Requirement (required)	4
EDUC 2231 Development of the Learner to fulfill Developmental Psychology Professional Requirement (required)	4	CIST 1206 Statistics (required)	4
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO: Meet your POLS and EDUC “preceptors” also known as your faculty advisors. Learn about Campus Services & Resources like the [Dean of Students](#) and [Wellness Center](#) for your [mental](#) and [physical health](#). Attend [Welcome Week](#) events. Search [Osprey Hub](#) for clubs & events like Student Senate. Look for an [on-campus job](#). Meet with the [Learning Access Program \(LAP\)](#) for disability support. Check out [Military & Veteran Services](#), and more!

*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 (including Introduction to Macroeconomics and Developmental Psychology Requirement) +
32 credits General Studies (GENS) +
32 credits At Some Distance (ASD)
(including 15 credits in History (HIST), Professional Requirements for Education courses and Professional Education for Social Studies courses)
= 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

Students in Education concentration must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 and grades of C or better are required for all major courses.

Hint: Search for courses that fulfill multiple university requirements!

SECOND-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 2XXX Intro course in Comparative Politics, International Politics, Public Policy, or Political Theory <i>in-person or online</i>	4	POLS 2XXX or 3XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
POLS 2XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4	Cognate 2XXX or 3XXX course <i>in-person or online</i>	4
ECON 1200 Introduction to Macroeconomics (required)	4	2XXX or 3XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i>	4
HIST 2XXX Elective**	4	HIST 2XXX or 3XXX Elective	4
Choose an Instructional Technology Professional Requirement for Education Course (required): GEN 2108 Web Tools (or equivalent course)	4	EDUC 2000 Gateway to NJ Teaching Profession (required)	1
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	20	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17

TO DO: Meet with your POLS and EDUC Preceptors. You should complete your Prerequisites to Entry into Education Fieldwork this year, including:

- Gateway to the NJ Teaching Profession Course (EDUC 2000) where you will complete your:
 - Criminal background check requirement
 - TB test requirement
 - NJ State Code Exam requirement
- [Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests](#) (or equivalent SAT/ACT) by School of Education deadline

All of these prerequisites must be met to move into Clinical Experience semester in third year

SUMMER EXPERIENCES

Take 1-3 Summer Courses in Cognate or General Studies [note: this is required to complete this B.A. in 4 yrs]; Contact your EDUC Preceptor for Additional Summer Opportunities to Expedite Your Degree Plan

**Social Studies Education students must take at least 15 History credits, including at least 1 U.S. History course and 1 World History course.

IN FOUR YEARS AT STOCKTON YOU CAN:

- **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
- **Add a Minor** in History, Childhood Studies, Economics, Languages, Writing, Global Studies, Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies, 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 (Q1) (required) <i>in-person</i>	4	POLS 3XXX or 4XXX Elective <i>mostly in-person</i>	4
Clinical Experience Semester: - EDUC 3100 Part-Time Clinical Experience in Education (w/50 hours in school setting)	2	Clinical Practice I Semester: - EDUC 3101 Part-time Clinical Practice in Education I (w/80 hours in school setting) (2 credits) - EDUC 3200 Practices and Techniques of Teaching (W2) (4 credits)	6
POLS 3XXX or 4XXX Elective*** <i>mostly in-person</i>	4	Cognate 2XXX or 3XXX course <i>in-person or online</i>	4
HIST 2XXX or 3XXX Elective	4	3XXX or 4XXX GIS capstone course for General Studies <i>in-person or online</i>	4
Choose a Diversity Professional Requirement for Education Course (required): GSS 3360 Schools of the Future (or equivalent course)	4		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18

TO DO: Continue to see your POLS and EDUC preceptors. Your third year marks the beginning of your fieldwork observation, with:

- [Clinical Experience Semester](#) in the fall (50 observation hours)
- [Clinical Practice I Semester](#) in the spring (80 observation hours)
- You should also aim to take your [Praxis II subject area exam](#) in Social Studies this year—you need to pass your Praxis II by the School of Education deadline in the Spring semester of your third year.

There are lots of other opportunities that you can get involved in! You can:

- 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](#)
- Look for opportunities to do Independent Studies and Research Projects with your professors! Tell your professor(s) that you'd like to conduct research under their supervision.
- Ask a professor to supervise you in an Independent Study on a topic that interests you.
- Explore local internship opportunities with campaigns, government offices, and more
- Apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (applications sent via email)

SUMMER EXPERIENCES

Take 1-3 [Summer Courses](#) in Cognate or General Studies [reminder: this is required to complete this B.A. in 4 yrs]

***Social Studies Education students must take at least two upper-level POLS courses (3XXX or 4XXX) in addition to POLS 3150 Political Methodology and POLS 4695 Senior Seminar.

FOURTH-YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
POLS 4695 Senior Seminar (W2) (required) <i>in-person</i>	4	Full-time Final Clinical Practice (Student Teaching) - EDUC 4990 Full-time Final Clinical Practice in Education (15 week experience) (12 credits) - EDUC 4991 Final Clinical Practice Seminar (2 credits) - EDUC 4992 EdTPA Capstone (2 credits)	16
Clinical Practice II Semester: - EDUC 4600 Part-time Clinical Practice in Education II (w/100 hours in school setting) (2 credits) - EDUC 4120 Reading in the Content Area (2 credits) - EDUC 4640 Methods of Teaching Secondary/K-12 (4 credits)	8		
3XXX or 4XXX General Studies (GEN, GSS, GNM, GAH) <i>in-person or online</i>	4		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

TO DO: Meet again with your POLS and EDUC preceptors. In your fourth year, you will:

- Complete fieldwork observation hours with the [Clinical Practice II Semester](#) in the fall (100 observation hours)
- Your spring semester will be dedicated to your student teaching in the [Full-time Final Clinical Practice](#).

In your senior year, you should also apply for Pi Sigma Alpha Honors (if you haven't already), request letters of recommendation from your professors, and finalize post-graduate plans.

Total Credit Hours: 128+