



**Political Science
Major Requirements**

2024-2025

55 Credits, including 36 Upper Division (UD)

Student Name	Student ID	Quarter Admitted		
Political Science Core – 33 Credits				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 1120: US Government & Politics	WKSS	5		
POL 2320: Comparative Political Systems		5		
POL 2330: International Relations	WKSS, CUE	5		
POL 4000: Public Policy and Administration	UD	5		
POL 4640: Political Theory	UD, W	5		
POL 4643: Methods of Political Analysis	UD	5		
POL 4899: Political Science Capstone Seminar	UD, W	3		
Total Credits:			Avg. GPA	
US Systems				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
HIS/POL 3670: History of US Foreign Rel. (5) POL 4450: US Constitutional Law (5)	WE,UD,W UD	5		
International Affairs and Global Systems				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 3330: Global Women’s Issues (5) HIS/POL 3440: War, Peace, and World Order (5) POL 4336: Cybersecurity (5) POL 4452: International Law (5)	CUE, WE, UD WE, UD WE, UD CUE, UD	5		
International Political Economy				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 3320: Political & Economical Dev. of Nations ECN/POL 4310: International Political Economy ISD 3400: Corruption and Development	UD, W UD CUE, WE, HON, UD	5		
Experiential Learning				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 2000: Careers in Political Science: What To Tell My Parents (1) POL 4940: Political Internships*		1 1		
POL or ISD Electives— 5 UD credits required				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade

**Students may complete approved study abroad or experiential learning activity instead of internship.*



For more information about internships, please scan this QR code!

How to Apply

- Complete and submit application via your student Banner. Applications are accepted year-round.

Internships

Political Science majors must take at least 1 internship credit relevant to their academic and career goals and are encouraged to complete their internship experience during their junior or senior year. Interns work in public and private sectors as well as local, national, and international non-profit organizations.

Criteria:

- An internship setting and activities performed must be in the field of political science but can be in a variety of organizational types.
- Your work must be overseen by an on-site supervisor.
- You must meet with your on-site supervisor periodically throughout the internship.
- Your supervisor must agree to provide ongoing formative evaluations and a formal final evaluation of your work.
- The site must provide at the three to five hours of experiential learning per week and at least 30-50 hours during the quarter for one-credit.

Credits:

The Political Science major requires a minimum of 1 internship credit; however, students may earn up to 6 credits for their internship experience. The number of credits that students are eligible to receive is directly connected to the number of hours worked at their internship site:

- 1 credit (3 - 4 hrs/week)
- 2 credits (5 - 8 hrs/week)
- 3 credits (9 - 10 hrs/week)
- 4 credits (11 - 14 hrs/week)
- 5 credits (15 hrs/week)
- 8 credits (20 hrs/week)
- 10 credits (25 hrs/week)
- 12 credits (30 hrs/week)
- 15 credits (40 hrs/week)

For more information, contact Dr. Ruth Ediger, Political Science Faculty Internship Supervisor ediger@spu.edu.

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