

# BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

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## Program Discontinuation Proposal

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2021-2022 Catalog

## Provide reasons for the program suspension.

Independent BA in International Relations established in accord with executive order

Indicate any programmatic or fiscal impact suspension of the program will have on other academic units' programs.

None

## Describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units.

Concentration and new major are both within the Political Science major; extensive consultation with depts. including History, Anthropology, Sociology, Women's Studies; Ethnic Studies whose courses new majors may take

**Explain provisions to ensure currently enrollment students have a reasonable opportunity to complete the program.**

Classes are identical between concentration and major; will all continue to be offered at current rate and students currently in the concentration may decide to graduate with either a BA in Political Science (international Relations) or a BA in International Relations

**Indicate what resources will be freed up or shifted to other programs as the result of the program suspension.**

No change

**Academic Group: (College)**

Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

**Academic Organization: (Department)**

Political Science

**Catalog Year Effective:**

2021-2022 Catalog

**Type of Program Proposal:**

Major

**Title of the Program:**

BA in Political Science (International Relations)

**Catalog Description:**

**Units required for Major: 42**

**Total units required for BA: 120**

## Program Description

The Political Science major complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of government and politics. The Political Science major is structured to provide students with a background in the basic fields of political science, as well as to permit them a range of choice in completing the program. The Political Science Department offers several courses integral to interdisciplinary programs such as California Studies, Environmental Studies, Ethnic Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, and Women's Studies.

The department emphasizes its expectation that students seek faculty advice when planning their program. Students may ask any faculty member's assistance initially. As specific interests are developed, students may wish to seek the advice of faculty sharing their interests.

**Note:** Although it is not a requirement of the major, the department **strongly recommends** that students take an introductory statistics course as part of their undergraduate work. A course in statistics may be used to satisfy the GE requirement in mathematics.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Minimum GPA Requirement

Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Lower Division Courses (3 Units)</b>		
POLS 1	Essentials Of Government <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Required Upper Division Courses (15 Units)</b>		
POLS 100	Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science	3
POLS 111	Political Thought II	3
POLS 130	International Politics	3
POLS 136	International Political Economy	3
POLS 140	Comparative Politics	3
<b>Electives (24 Units)</b>		

Select 24 units <sup>3</sup>	24
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Total Units	42
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- 1 POLS 150 may be used in place of POLS 1 to satisfy the requirement.
- 2 Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- 3 21 of the 24 elective units must be upper division.

**Note:**

- POLS 35 may be taken to satisfy 3 elective units all others must be selected from Government courses numbered from 130 through 149. Students may also include POLS 118, POLS 119A, POLS 127 and POLS 162 as electives. Up to twelve (12) units of work in other disciplines that have an international relations/comparative politics content can be used to satisfy the requirements of the major, as long as approval by an International Relations advisor is obtained.
- The Department strongly recommends that students select elective courses that include both *thematic* areas, such as globalization, internal organizations, and security studies, as well as *regional concentration* such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.
- If a student has not taken POLS 1 or its equivalent, then POLS 150 may count as the prerequisite for the major.
- These courses **must** be selected in consultation with an advisor from the Government Department.

## General Education Requirements<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)</b>		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (9 Units)</b>		
	Area D Course <sup>2</sup>	0
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course	3
	Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>		
	Area E Course	3
Total Units		46

- 1 To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

- 2 Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

## Graduation Requirements<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)</b>		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government <sup>2</sup>	0
	Writing Intensive (WI)	3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)</b>		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>3</sup>	6

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<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/wll/flgr/>

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