



POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR PROPOSAL 2009-2010

*****This form must be completed and signed by your advisor and the Director of Undergraduate Studies before your major can be approved within your department.***

Name: _____ Preferred name: _____
Stanford ID: _____ Year of Graduation (Month/Yr): _____
Stanford E-Mail Address: _____ Date Today: _____
Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Local Address: _____
Permanent Address: _____
Permanent Phone: _____ Other E-Mail Address: _____

This form has a dual purpose:

- To help you design a plan of study in Political Science that is coherent and consistent with your interests.
- To put you in touch with the faculty member who will serve as your advisor.

When you have completed your responses to the questions below and filled out the “Design for the Major” section:

- Submit your intent to declare POLISCI BA on AXESS
- You will need to search for an advisor and set up a meeting to discuss your proposed program. You may want to discuss your proposal with the undergraduate administrator before meeting with an advisor. The Political Science undergraduate website has a list of faculty members (including by subfield): <http://www.stanford.edu/group/polisci/research.html>.
- If you would like to arrange an appointment with Professor Beatriz Magaloni, Director of Undergraduate Studies, her office is in Encina Hall West Room 436W. You may schedule an appointment with the undergraduate administrator in Encina Hall West Room 100. Please take this form with you to your appointment.
- You should bring the signed form and your undergraduate academic advising folder from your current or freshman advisor to the Undergraduate Administrator (Encina Hall West Room 100), who will approve your major request on AXESS.

The Director and your advisor may make suggestions for revising your initial plan. They may also require that certain changes be made before approving your proposal.

Design for the Major

To receive a B.A. in Political Science, a student must:

1. Submit an application for the Political Science major to the undergraduate administrator, and declare on Axess. Forms are available in Encina Hall West, Room 100. For additional information, drop by or phone (650) 723-1608. Students must complete their major - declaration no later than the end of Autumn Quarter in junior year.
2. Complete 70 units:
 - a) 45 Political Science course units must complete the breadth requirements.
 - b) One 5 unit Methods requirement by completing POLISCI 150A, 150B, 150C, 151A, 151B, STATS 60 or ECON 102A. The list of courses satisfying the Methods requirement will be updated each year by the department. Students should consult the Bulletin to learn of new courses that satisfy this requirement.
 - c) The remaining 20 Political Science units must be completed by taking other Political Science courses including no more than 5 units of directed reading. 10 units of ECON 1A/1B may substitute two 5-unit POLISCI courses.
 - d) No more than two 5-unit freshman/sophomore seminar courses can be applied throughout the 70 unit major requirement.
3. Satisfy breadth requirements (45 units): each student must take two courses out of the following Political Science courses; one must be in the primary concentration and the other must be in the secondary concentration. These courses must be completed by the end of sophomore year.
 - POLISCI 1. Introduction to International Relations
 - POLISCI 2. American National Government and Politics
 - POLISCI 3. Introduction to Political Philosophy
 - POLISCI 4. Introduction to Comparing Political Systems
 - POLISCI 151A. Doing Political Science, *or* POLISCI 151B. Data Analysis for Political ScienceThe primary concentration must be completed by fulfilling the depth requirement with at least 30 units (see Statement 4). Each major should declare a secondary concentration in another subfield, with at least 15 units in that concentration, including the introductory course for that subfield.
4. Satisfy a depth requirement. Each major should declare a primary concentration in one subfield and take at least 30 units in this - concentration, including the introductory course for that subfield. Subfields include:
 - International Relations (1, 110-119, 210-219, 310-319)
 - American Politics (2, 120-129, 220-229, 320-329)
 - Political Theory (3, 130-139, 230-239, 330-339)
 - Comparative Politics (4, 140-149, 240-249, 340-349)
5. Demonstrate the capacity for sustained research and writing in the discipline. This requirement is satisfied by taking a Political Science course designated as a Writing in the Major (WIM) course.
6. Take at least one 5-unit, advanced undergraduate seminar in Political Science.
7. Students may apply a maximum of 10 units from Stanford Summer Session or courses outside Stanford. Transfer students are allowed up to 20 units of transfer units or summer session. A maximum of 15 units may be applied towards breadth requirements and 5 towards other Political Science course units. All transfer cases require petitions which must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
8. Directed reading and Oxford tutorial units require a petition and may only be applied towards related coursework units. These units may not be used to fulfill a breadth requirement, and no more than 10 units of directed reading and Oxford tutorial units may count toward the required 70 Political Science units.
9. Courses counting toward the 70-unit requirement must be taken for a letter grade, although units in excess of the required 70 may be taken on a credit/no credit basis. A minimum grade of 'C' is required for courses to count towards major requirements.

Notes:

- Transfer Courses/Summer Session
 - Transfer Students – maximum 20 units; Non-transfer students – maximum 10 units.
 - List any such courses below in the appropriate concentration. Please indicate the institution in the notes section.
 - Attach a petition form, which requires: a copy of the transcript from the institution offering the course, syllabus, and coursework.
- Stanford in Washington (SIW) course(s) and Oxford tutorials – may be listed on your proposal but will need final approval by submitting a petition form, which requires: a final letter grade on your transcript, syllabus, and coursework.
- Directed Reading - may be listed on your proposal but will need approval before you register for directed reading units in a given quarter. Students must submit a petition form, which requires: a faculty supervisor signature, project description and method of evaluation.

Course Number System:

1-99	Introductory Courses
100-199	Intermediate Undergraduate Lecture Courses
200-299	Advanced Undergraduate Seminar Courses
300-399	Advanced Undergraduate / Graduate Courses
400-499	Graduate Courses

Primary Concentration			
Course Level:	Course Number and Title	Units:	Quarter Taken or planned:
Introductory Course			
100 level & above			
100 level & above			
100 level & above			
100 level & above			
100 level & above			
Total units required: 30			
Secondary Concentration:			
Course Level:	Course Number and Title	Units:	Quarter Taken or planned:
Introductory Course			
100 level & above			
100 level & above			
Total units required: 15			
Methods Requirement (POLISCI 150A, 150B, 150C, 151B, STATS 60 or ECON 102A)			
Course Level:	Course Number and Title	Units:	Quarter Taken or planned:
Total units required: 5			
Related Coursework (20 POLISCI units including no more than 5 units of directed reading. 10 units of ECON 1A/1B may substitute two 5-unit POLISCI courses)			
Course Level:	Course Number and Title	Units:	Quarter Taken or planned:
Total Units Required for Major: 70			

Which course will fulfill the Writing-in-the-Major requirement?

Which course will fulfill the Seminar requirement? (200 level or above seminar course)

Do you plan to double (multiple) major or minor? ___ Yes ___ No

If so, please indicate the department and degree. Please make sure to review the university requirements in the Stanford Bulletin – Undergraduate Degrees and Programs.

_____ (Department) ___ Major ___ Minor

Do you plan to attend an Overseas Studies Program(s) or Stanford in Washington (SIW)? If so, please indicate which program(s) and quarter you plan to attend.

_____ (Program) _____ Quarter (Example: 2005-2006 Spring)

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Please Staple your TYPED responses to the following questions to this form. The more thought and care you devote to your responses to these questions, the more readily your advisor can work with you to design the most appropriate types and sequences of courses.

- 1) Why do you want to major in Political Science?
- 2) What are the issues/topics/questions relating to the study of politics that particularly interest you?
- 3) What career path(s) are you currently considering? In what ways might a Political Science major be relevant for the careers(s) you have in mind?

Student Signature Date _____

Advisor Signature Date _____

Advisor Signature (Print Name)

Comments or Suggestions: _____

Director of Undergraduate Studies Signature Date _____

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