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 a faculty member who will serve as your advisor.

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

- Submit your declaration for the POLISCI BA on AXESS
- Find an advisor and set up a meeting to discuss your proposed program. The Political Science undergraduate website has a list of faculty members from which you may choose an advisor: https://politicalscience.stanford.edu/directory. You may wish to discuss your proposal with the undergraduate administrator before meeting with an advisor.
- Once your faculty advisor has reviewed and signed your proposal, make an appointment with the undergraduate program administrator, Stephanie Burbank, sburbank@stanford.edu or (650) 723-1608, to submit the last two pages of this proposal.
- The administrator will secure the Director of Undergraduate Studies’ approval before finalizing your declaration of the major.

The Director of Undergraduate Studies and your advisor may make suggestions for revising your initial plan. They may also require changes before approving your proposal. The program administrator will help you through this process if you have questions.

You also have the option of applying for the Political Science Research Honors Track. Please visit our website for more information about the program and how to apply. Applications are accepted in the Fall and Winter Quarters.
Design for the Major

To Receive a B.A. in Political Science a Student Must
Complete a minimum of 70 units:
  a. 5 units of PoliSci 1: The Science of Politics
  b. 40 units in two Political Science tracks of your choosing:
     i. 25 units in a primary track
     ii. 15 units in a secondary track
  c. 5 units of quantitative methods in PoliSci 150A, PoliSci 155, Stats 60, Econ 102A, or CS 106A
  d. 20 units of additional Political Science courses, including cognates and BOSP classes, with no more than 5 units of directed reading

Requirement Details
1. Satisfy a breadth requirement by completing an introductory course: PoliSci 1: The Science of Politics. Freshman or Sophomore Introductory Seminars are recommended in addition to the intro course. These classes count toward tracks or additional units.
2. Satisfy a depth requirement by completing a total of 40 units in two of these tracks (25 toward the primary track and 15 toward the secondary):
   a. Data Science
   b. Elections, Representation and Governance
   c. International Relations
   d. Justice and Law
   e. Political Economy and Development
3. Complete the required 20 units of additional coursework by taking Political Science courses or courses that are outside the department but approved as cognates, including already-approved Bing Overseas courses. Directed reading, other Stanford classes, Bing Overseas classes not previously approved, and Stanford in Washington (SIW) courses may be petitioned toward your additional coursework.
4. Demonstrate a capacity for sustained research and writing in the discipline by taking a Political Science course designated as Writing in the Major (WIM). This does not have to be taken in your primary track.
5. Take at least one advanced undergraduate seminar (200 level) in Political Science.
6. Courses counting towards the major must be taken for a letter grade. A minimum of ‘C’ is required for courses to count towards major requirements.

Petitioning Courses to Fulfill Major Requirements
- Students may petition a maximum of ten units to count towards the major. Transfer students may petition up to twenty units. All petitions must be submitted for review to the undergraduate administrator and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. All University transfer courses must also be petitioned in the department in order to count for the major. The petition form can be found on our website.
- 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 depth requirement, and no more than 10 units of directed reading and Oxford tutorial units may count toward the required 70 Political Science units for the major. The specific directed reading petition can be found on our website.

Notes:
- Stanford in Washington (SIW) courses and Oxford tutorials may be listed on your proposal but will need to be approved by submitting a petition form, which requires: a final letter grade, your transcript, syllabus, and coursework.
- Directed readings may be listed on your proposal but will need approval before you register for the directed reading units in a given quarter. Students must submit a directed reading petition to the undergraduate administrator by the first Friday of the quarter in which they are enrolling in the directed reading. This petition requires a faculty supervisor signature, project description, and method of evaluation. If approved, the student will receive a permission number to enroll in the directed reading for that quarter.

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
**Political Science Major Application**

Name: ___________________________________________  University ID: ________________________________

Expected Graduation Date (Month/Yr): ____________  Stanford E-Mail: _____________________________

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### Introductory Required Coursework

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**Total units required:** 5

### Methods Requirement: POLISCI 155, STATS 60, ECON 102A, or CS 106A

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**Total units required:** 5

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**Total units required:** 25

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### Secondary Track

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**Total units required:** 15

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### Additional Related Coursework

As appropriate for your chosen tracks. These may include any combination of PoliSci courses or outside courses previously approved by the department as cognate courses. This can also include petitioned units.

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**Total units required:** 20

**Minimum Total Units Required for the 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 yes, 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 the quarter(s) you plan to attend.

____________________ (Program) _______________ Quarter (Example: 2012-2013 Spring)

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Are you a varsity athlete?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please attach your responses to the following questions. 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?

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Student Signature         Date

________________________________________________________________________  _____________________________________

Advisor Signature         Date

Advisor Name

Comments or Suggestions: _________________________________________________________________________________ __________________________________________________________________________

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Director of Undergraduate Studies Signature        Date

Comments or Suggestions: _________________________________________________________________________________ __________________________________________________________________________