

About This Major . . .

The Political Science program provides students with a working knowledge of the concepts, theories and approaches to the discipline of Political Science and their practical application to political and governmental systems within the state, national and international arenas. Students majoring in Political Science are prepared for careers in government, law, criminal justice, and non-governmental organizations. Many graduates are currently employed as Congressional Staff members, Gubernatorial Staff, state agency officials, hold elective office or have successfully graduated from law school.

One attractive aspect of the program is the opportunity to intern in a variety of settings in Washington, D.C., Denver and Grand Junction. These internships allow students a chance to acquire practical experience while increasing the opportunity to network. Many of our student interns are now working in jobs they obtained directly as a result of their intern experience. CMU political science graduates have also been successful in gaining entrance to graduate and law schools. The Political Science program supports a Political Science Club and a local chapter of the national honor society Pi Sigma Alpha.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/whatmajor.html>

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Critically analyze the theories and concepts relevant to political science (Specialized Knowledge);
2. Defend a political argument using established methods (empirical and normative) in the field of political science (Intellectual Skills, Communication Fluency);
3. Articulate diverse perspective surrounding a political issue (Critical Thinking);
4. Devise a strategy to promote civic involvement within the broader community for themselves and others (Civic Engagement)

NAME: _____ **STUDENT ID #:** _____

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____
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I, (Signature) _____, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I have read and understand the policies listed on the last page of this program sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

 Signature of Advisor Date _____ 20____

 Signature of Department Head Date _____ 20____

 Signature of Registrar Date _____ 20____

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- 120 semester hours total (Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher).
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken at the 300-400 course levels within the major at CMU).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- A student must follow the CMU graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student’s faculty advisor and Department Head.
- Essential Learning Capstone should be completed between 45 and 75 hours.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the for additional graduation information.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS (31 semester hours):

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Course No Title Sem.hrs Grade Term/Trns

English (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of “C” or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

ENGL 111	English Composition	3	_____	_____
ENGL 112	English Composition	3	_____	_____

Math MATH 110 or higher (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of “C” or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

MATH 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Humanities (3 semester hours)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

Natural Sciences (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

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History (3 semester hours)

HIST	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Fine Arts (3 semester hours)

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Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
WELLNESS REQUIREMENT (2 semester hours)				
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____

ESSENTIAL LEARNING CAPSTONE (4 semester hours)

ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone (see English & math pre-reqs)	3	_____	_____
ESSL 200	Essential Speech (co-requisite)	1	_____	_____

Foundational Courses (6 semester hours) Two **consecutive** classes in the **same** foreign language. FLAS 114 & 115 will **NOT** fulfill this requirement.

FLA	_____	_____	_____	_____
FLA	_____	_____	_____	_____

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

(60 semester hours) Must pass all courses with a grade of “C” or higher.

Political Science Core (24 semester hours)

POLS 101	American Government	3	_____	_____
POLS 151	Introduction to Political Ideas	3	_____	_____
POLS 201	Introduction to Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 236	State and Local Government	3	_____	_____
POLS 261	Comparative Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 270	World Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 351	Political Behavior	3	_____	_____
POLS 490	Senior Seminar: Political Science	3	_____	_____

Political Science Electives (15 Semester Hours) Select one course from each subfield.

Political Theory (3 credit hours) Select one course.

POLS 452	Political Theory: Modern	3	_____	_____
POLS 453	Political Theory: Classical/ Medieval	3	_____	_____
POLS 482	International Relations Theory	3	_____	_____

American Politics (3 credit hours) Select one course.

POLS 324	The Legislative Process	3	_____	_____
POLS 325	The American Presidency	3	_____	_____
POLS 328	The American Court System	3	_____	_____
POLS 412	Constitutional Law	3	_____	_____

Global Politics (3 credit hours) Select one course.

POLS 365	European Government and Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 366	Government and Politics of Asia	3	_____	_____
POLS 372	Peace and Conflict Studies	3	_____	_____
POLS 373	Global Politics of Women and Gender	3	_____	_____
POLS 471	Politics of Global Governance	3	_____	_____
POLS 472	International Political Economy	3	_____	_____
POLS 475	American Foreign and National Security Policy	3	_____	_____

Political Issues (3 credit hours) Select one course.

POLS 352	Religion and Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 353	Politics of Natural and Human Resources	3	_____	_____
POLS 354	Political Geography	3	_____	_____
POLS 356	Indigenous Politics	3	_____	_____
POLS 462	Public Policy: Theory and Practice	3	_____	_____
POLS 488	Environmental Politics and Policy	3	_____	_____

Public Administration (3 credit hours) Select one course.

PADM 315	Public Management	3
PADM 342	Public Administration	3
PADM 350	Ethics in Public Administration	3
PADM 442	Public Budgeting	3
PADM 446	Public Personnel Management	3
EMDP 211	Introduction to Emergency Management	3

Political Science Specialization (12 credits) Choose four additional courses from Political Theory, American Politics, Global Politics, Political Issues and/or Public Administration:

Career Preparation (3 credit hours) Select one course.

STAT 215	Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
SPCH 304	Communication and Conflict	3
SPCH 305	Communication: Culture, Diversity and Gender	3
SPCH 306	Communication and Leadership	3
SPCH 308	Argumentation and Debate	3

POLS 395	Independent Study	1-3
POLS 396	Topics	1-3
SOCI 470	Pre-Law in Practice	3
POLS 495	Independent Study	1-3
POLS 496	Topics	1-3
POLS 499	Internship	1-3

Restricted Electives (6 semester hours,) selected from the following political science related courses listed on pg 3.

Additional General Electives (All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours.) (16 semester hours; up to 7 hours of upper division may be needed if students selected EMDP 211, SOCI 101 and STAT 215 to fulfill program requirements.)

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES:

SOCI 101	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (3)
SOCI 410	Death, Dying & Bereavement (3)
SOCO 300	Political Sociology (3)
HIST 303	History of Modern Germany (3)
SOCO 305	Environmental Sociology (3)
SOCO 310	Sociology of Religion (3)
SOCO 312	Social Movements (3)
SOCO 314	Population (3)
SOCO 316	Social Inequality (3)
HIST 315	American Indian History (3)
HIST 320	The American West (3)
PSYCH 320	Social Psychology (3)
EMDP 321	Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness
EMDP 331	Disaster Response and Recovery
SOCO 325	Racial and Ethnic Relations (3)
HIST 333	International History of the Cold War (3)
HIST 342	The Early American Republic (3)
HIST 346	The Unites States in the 1950's and 1960's (3)
HIST 347	Global America: 1970-2000 (3)
HIST 371	20 th Century United States Women's History (3)
HIST 400	The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (3)
HIST 403	East Asia and the Modern World (3)
HIST 406	History of the African Continent (3)
HIST 410	Environmental History of the United States (3)
CRMJ 420	Criminal Law (3)
HIST 425	The History of Sexuality
CRMJ 425	Trial, Evidence and Legal Advocacy (3)
CRMJ 470	Restorative Justice (3)

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites or are only offered during the Fall or Spring semesters. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the website for course availability.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester		Hours	Spring Semester		Hours
ENGL 111	English Composition	3	ENGL 112	English Composition	3
Essential Learning	History	3	Essential Learning	Humanities	3
Essential Learning	Mathematics	3	Essential Learning	Social/Behavioral Science	3
Essential Learning	Natural Science	3	POLS 151	Introduction to Political Ideas	3
POLS 101	American Government	3	POLS 270	World Politics	3
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	<u>1</u>	KINA	Activity (1 courses)	<u>1</u>
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SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester		Hours	Spring Semester		Hours
Essential Learning	Fine Arts	3	Essential Learning	Natural Science with Lab	4
Essential Learning –	Social/Behavioral Science	3	Language Requirement (Foreign Language)		3
Language Requirement (Foreign Language)		3	POLS 261	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 236	State and Local Government	3	ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
POLS 201	Introduction to Politics	<u>3</u>	ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	<u>3</u>
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JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester		Hours	Spring Semester		Hours
Political Science Elective		3	Occupational Preparation Course**		3-4
Political Science Elective		3	POLS 351	Political Behavior	3
Political Science Elective		3	Political Science Elective		3
Restricted Elective		3	Political Science Elective		3
Elective		<u>3</u>	Elective		3
		15	Elective		<u>1</u>
					16-17

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester		Hours	Spring Semester		Hours
POLS 490	Senior Seminar	3	Elective		3
Political Science Specialization		3	Political Science Specialization		3
Political Science Specialization		3	Political Science Specialization		3
Restricted Elective		3	Elective		<u>3</u>
Elective		<u>3</u>			12
		15			

*One semester of Senior Year must be 15 semester hours.

**One additional credit will be needed if STAT 215 is not taken to fulfill Occupational Preparation requirement.

POLICIES:

1. Please see the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the **semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.** You must turn in your "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office **by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.**
3. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature. Finally, the Department Head will submit the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
4. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your "Intent to Graduate" does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
5. NOTE: During your senior year, you will be required to take a capstone exit assessment/project (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test).