



2006 – 07 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Political Science

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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. MSC political science graduates have also been successful in gaining entrance to graduate and law schools.

Students may pursue the B.A. degree in Political Science or the B.A. degree in Political Science with a concentration in Administration of Justice.

The Political Science program supports a Political Science Club, a local chapter of the national honor society Pi Sigma Alpha and the International Relations Club.

POLICIES:

- 1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see the MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. 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. 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.
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar's Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. 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.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you will be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (exit exam).

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 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____

- Must earn 120 semester hours and meet the academic residency requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree at Mesa State College.
- Must earn a minimum of 40 semester hours in upper division courses (i.e., 300-level and 400-level courses).
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher must be maintained for all courses taken and for all courses in the major.
- When filling out this program sheet a course can only be used once, i.e., no double counting is allowed between categories.
- Excess KINA/HPWE courses beyond the two required and pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- All degree requirements must be completed as described. Any exceptions or substitutions must be recommended in advance by the faculty advisor and approved by the Department Head.
- It is recommended that students work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting courses and scheduling classes prior to registration.
- Students are required to participate in exit examinations or other programs deemed necessary to comply with the college accountability requirement.

General Education Requirements (Minimum of 33 semester hours) See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of courses that meet the general education categories.

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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English: ENGL 111 and 112 (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or higher, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

*ENGL _____

*ENGL _____

*ENGL 129, Honors English, may be substituted for ENGL 111 and ENGL 112. Must earn a grade of "C" or better. May need to take additional electives.

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 _____

Humanities: (6 semester hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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Social and Behavioral Sciences: (6 Semester Hours)

Fine Arts: (3 semester hours)

Natural Sciences: (6 semester hours)

(At least one course must include a lab)

Applied Studies: (3 semester hours)

Other Requirements (9 semester hours)

Kinesiology: (3 Semester Hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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See the M.S.C. catalog for the list of approved KINA/HPWE/Selected DANC courses.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Distinction: (6 semester hours)

(Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language.)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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(FLAS 114 & 115 will NOT fulfill this requirement.) (Must receive a grade of "C" or above.)

Political Science Major Requirements (48 Semester Hours)

Political Science Core (39 semester hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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POLS 101 3 _____

POLS 236 3 _____

POLS 261 3 _____

POLS 324 3 _____

POLS 325 3 _____

POLS 342 3 _____

POLS 370 3 _____

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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POLS 412 3 _____

POLS 452 3 _____

OR

POLS 453 3 _____

POLS 475 3 _____

POLS 490 3 _____

STAT 200 3 _____

SOCI 310 3 _____

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Political Science Electives (9 Semester Hours) Select from: POLS 310, POLS 328, POLS 352, POLS 355, POLS 365, POLS 396, POLS 413, POLS 452 or 453 (if not used in core), POLS 488, POLS 499

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs	Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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Recommended Electives (9 upper division semester hours, counted as general electives) selected from the following disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs	Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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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. Excludes KINA/HPWE activity courses.) (30 semester hours; 7 hours of upper division may be needed.)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs	Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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GRADUATION INFORMATION

See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (Minimum of 33 Semester Hours) See current Mesa State College catalog for list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If one (or more) of the selections below is required in your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and **make a different selection to meet the general education requirement. The courses may not be used to fulfill both requirements.**

English – 6 Semester Hours (Must be **completed** before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of “C” or above.)
ENGL 111 **and** ENGL 112 **or** ENGL 129 (*by permission*)

Mathematics – 3 Semester Hours chosen from:
MATH 110 **or higher**
(Must be **completed** before student has 60 semester hours. Must receive grade of “C” or above.)

Humanities – 6 semester hours

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 semester hours

Fine Arts – 3 semester hours

Natural Sciences – 6 semester hours (At least one course must include a lab.)

Applied Studies – 3 semester hours

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (9 Semester Hours)

Kinesiology – 3 Semester Hours

Each student must take KINE/HPWA 100 together with two KINA/HPWE/Selected DANC courses. See current catalog for listing.

Degree Distinction – 6 Semester Hours

Select from one of the following sequences:

FLAF 111 *followed by* FLAF 112

or

FLAG 111 *followed by* FLAG 112

Or FLAS 111 *followed by* FLAS 112

or

Two **consecutive** classes in the **same** foreign language.

*(FLAS 114 & 115 will **NOT** fulfill this requirement. **Must** receive a grade of “C” or above in **both** classes.)

Political Science (48 Semester Hours)

Political Science Core (39 Semester Hours) (Must have grade of 2.00 in each core course)

POLS 101 American Government

POLS 236 State and Local Government

POLS 261 Comparative Politics

POLS 324 The Legislative Process

POLS 325 The American Presidency

POLS 342 Public Administration

POLS 370 World Politics

POLS 412 Constitutional Law

POLS 452 Political Theory: Classical/Medieval **Or** POLS 453 Political Theory: Modern

POLS 475 American Foreign and National Security Policy

POLS 490 Senior Seminar: Political Science

SOCI 310 Methods of Social Research

STAT 200 Probability and Statistics

Political Science Electives (9 Semester Hours) Select from:

POLS 310 Development of the U.S. Constitution

POLS 328 The American Court System

POLS 352 Religion and Politics

POLS 355 Politics in the Information Age

POLS 365 European Government and Politics

POLS 396 Topics

POLS 413 Civil Liberties

POLS 452 Political Theory: Classical/Medieval (if not used in core)

Or POLS 453 Political Theory: Modern (if not used in core)

POLS 488 Environmental Politics and Policy

POLS 499 Political Science Internship

Recommended Electives:

9 upper division semester hours selected from the following disciplines (credits are counted in elective total):

Anthropology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology

Additional Electives: 30 Semester Hours; 7 hours of upper division may be needed.

Students are required to participate in exit examinations or other programs deemed necessary to comply with the college accountability requirement. All degree requirements must be completed as described above. Any exceptions or substitutions must be recommended in advance by the faculty advisor and approved by the Department Head.

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 their advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 111 English Composition	3	ENGL 112 English Composition	3
General Education Humanities	3	General Education Humanities	3
General Education Applied Studies	3	General Education Mathematics	3
General Education Science	3	Elective	3
POLS 101 American Government	3	Elective	3
KINE/HPWA 100 Health and Wellness	<u>1</u>	KINA/HPWE Activity (2 courses)	<u>2</u>
	16		17

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
General Education Fine Arts	3	General Education Science with Lab	3
Degree Distinction (Foreign Language)	3	Degree Distinction (Foreign Language)	3
General Education – Social/Behavioral Science	3	General Education – Social/Behavioral Science	3
POLS 236 State and Local Government	3	POLS 261 Comparative Politics	3
Elective	<u>3</u>	STAT 200 Probability and Statistics	<u>3</u>
	15		15

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
POLS 325 American Presidency	3	POLS 324 Legislative Process	3
SOCI 310 Methods of Social Research	3	POLS 342 Public Administration	3
Upper Division POLS Elective	3	POLS 370 World Politics	3
Upper Division Recommended Elective	3	Upper Division POLS Elective	3
Upper Division Elective	<u>3</u>	Upper Division Elective	<u>3</u>
	15		15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
POLS 490 Senior Seminar	3	POLS 475 American Foreign and Nat'l Security	3
POLS 452 Political Theory: Classical/Medieval *	3	POLS 412 Constitutional Law	3
or POLS 453 Modern Political Theory*		Upper Division Recommended Elective	3
Upper Division POLS Elective	3	Elective	<u>3</u>
Upper Division Recommended Elective	3		12
Elective	<u>3</u>		
	15		

*One semester of Senior Year must be 15 semester hours. **NOTE:** POLS 452 and POLS 453 is only offered in the Fall. You are required to take one of these courses.