



2007 – 08 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Political Science

www.mesastate.edu/schools/shss/sbs/pos/pos.htm

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\_\_\_\_

Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration.

Degree Requirements:

- 120 semester hours total (A minimum of 28 taken at MSC)
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken within the major at MSC)
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- Excess KINA courses beyond the two required and pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Program sheets are for advising purposes only. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, check with your advisor for additional guidelines, including prerequisites, grade point averages, grades, exit examinations, and other expectations. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all guidelines for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the faculty advisor and/or Department Head.
- See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (31 Semester Hours)

See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term	Trms
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**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	_____	_____	_____

(ENGL 129, Honors English, may be substituted for ENGL 111 & ENGL 112.)

**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)

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**Social and Behavioral Sciences** (6 semester hours)

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**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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**OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

**Kinesiology** (3 semester hours)

Students must take KINE 100, plus two 100-level KINA/HPWE or approved DANC course.

KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____

**Applied Studies** (3 semester hours)

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**DEGREE DISTINCTION REQUIREMENTS** (6 semester hours)

Two **consecutive** classes in the **same** foreign language. Must receive a grade of "C" or better. FLAS 114 & 115 will **NOT** fulfill this requirement.

FLA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

(48 semester hours) Must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher.

**Political Science Core** (39 semester hours)

POLS 101	American Government	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 236	State and Local Government	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 261	Comparative Politics	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 324	The Legislative Process	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 325	The American Presidency	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 342	Public Administration	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 370	World Politics	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 412	Constitutional Law	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 452	Political Theory: Classical/ Medieval	3	_____	_____	_____

**OR**

POLS 453	Political Theory: Modern	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 475	American Foreign & National Security Policy	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 490	Senior Seminar: Political Science	3	_____	_____	_____
SOCI 310	Methods of Social Research	3	_____	_____	_____
STAT 200	Probability and Statistics	3	_____	_____	_____

**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

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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

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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 activity courses.) (30 semester hours; 7 hours of upper division may be needed.)

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### 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 100	Health and Wellness	1	KINA	Activity (2 courses)	2
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#### 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	3	STAT 200	Probability and Statistics	3
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#### 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	3		Upper Division Elective	3
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#### 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	3
	Upper Division Recommended Elective	3			12
	Elective	3			
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\*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.