



2010-2011 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Political Science
www.mesastate.edu/academics/programs.html

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.

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: _____

_____ () _____

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 in no fewer than two semesters).
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken at the 300-400 course levels 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
- 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 MSC 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.
- 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
--------	----	-------	---------	-------	-----------

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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
--------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Humanities (3 semester hours)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

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

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	L	_____	_____	_____	_____

History (3 semester hours)

HIST	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Fine Arts (3 semester hours)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Course	No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trms
--------	----	-------	---------	-------	-----------

OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (6 semester hours)

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)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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

Political Science Core (36 semester hours)

POLS 101	American Government	3	_____	_____	_____
POLS 201	Introduction to Politics	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 351	Political Behavior	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 490	Senior Seminar: Political Science	3	_____	_____	_____

Political Science/Public Administration Electives (12 Semester Hours) Select from Electives list on pg 3.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

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

FLA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FLA	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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.) (23 semester hours; 1 hours of upper division may be needed.)

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

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

POLITICAL SCIENCE/PUBLIC ADMIN. ELECTIVES:

POLS 328 The American Court System (3)
POLS 365 European Government and Politics (3)
POLS 396 Topics (1-3)
POLS 452 Political Theory: Classical and Medieval (3)
OR 453 (if not used in core) Political Theory: Modern (3)
POLS 475 American Foreign and National Security Policy (3)
POLS 488 Environmental Politics and Policy (3)

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES:

STAT 215: Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences (4)
SOCO 303: Sociological Research Methods(3)
HIST 347 Global America: 1970-2000 (3)
HIST 410 Environmental History of the United States (3)
ANTH 310 Ethnographic Methods (3)
ANTH 390 World Ethnicity and Nationalism (3)

POLS 499 Internship (1-15) only a maximum of three internship credit hours count toward POLS elective credit in the major

PADM 314 Public Organization Theory (3)
PADM 315 Public Management (3)
PADM 442 Public Budgeting (3)
PADM 446 Public Personnel Management (3)

ANTH 405 Globalization and Culture Change (3)
SOCO 300 Political Sociology (3)
SOCO 305 Environmental Sociology (3)
SOCO 312 Social Movements (3)
SOCO 314 Population (3)
PHIL 352 Ethics (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 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 History	3	General Education Humanities	3
General Education Applied Studies	3	General Education Mathematics	3
General Education Natural Science	3	Elective	3
POLS 101 American Government	3	Elective	3
KINE 100 Health and Wellness	<u>1</u>	KINA Activity (2 courses)	<u>2</u>
	16		17

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
General Education Fine Arts	3	General Education Natural Science with Lab	4
Language Requirement (Foreign Language)	3	Language Requirement (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
POLS 201 Introduction to Politics	<u>3</u>	Elective	<u>3</u>
	15		16

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
POLS 325 American Presidency	3	POLS 324 Legislative Process	3
POLS 351 Political Behavior	3	POLS 342 Public Administration	3
Upper Division POLS Elective	3	POLS 370 World Politics	3
Restricted Elective	3	Upper Division POLS Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>	Elective	<u>3</u>
	15		15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
POLS 490 Senior Seminar	3	Elective	3
POLS 452 Political Theory: Classical/Medieval *	3	POLS 412 Constitutional Law	3
or POLS 453 Modern Political Theory*		Upper Division POLS Elective	3
Upper Division POLS Elective	3	Elective	<u>3</u>
Upper Division Restricted Elective	3		12
Elective	<u>2</u>		
	14		

*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.