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, a local chapter of the national honor society Pi Sigma Alpha and the International Relations Club.

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: ___________________________ ( ) __________

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 __________

Signature of Department Head ___________________________ Date __________

Signature of Registrar ___________________________ Date __________
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 the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” 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.

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WELLNESS REQUIREMENT (2 semester hours)
- KINE 100 Health and Wellness 1
- KINA 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.
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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:

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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

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 United States in the 1950’s and 1960’s (3)
- HIST 371 20th 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)

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.

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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.) (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.)

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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 the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the website for course availability.

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*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).