

## Political Science Majors Tips on crafting your class schedule

The following are **core courses** required for the Political Science Major:

Lower division:

- PSCI 100 United States Government and Politics

Upper division:

- PSCI 301 Research Methods
- PSCI 331 World Political Systems
- PSCI 350 Global Governance
- PSCI 370 Political Theory

One of the following

- PSCI 494A Senior Seminar
- PSCI 494B Senior Experience (student must secure an internship)

**Core courses** are meant to be among the first courses you take for the major. **Why?** These courses provide foundational information that other courses will build upon. It is to your advantage to have this core information under your belt before taking other upper-division elective courses in Political Science. Core courses are offered **every semester**. Multiple sections of PSCI 100 are offered throughout the week, as well as in summer. Also, some upper-division courses in the major require or recommend that a particular core course is completed before enrolling in the course.

**PSCI 494A or B - All PSCI majors must complete** PSCI 494a Senior Seminar in Political Science or PSCI 494B Senior Experience in Political Science. PSCI 494a is a traditional seminar course that integrates previous PSCI coursework and seeks to build advanced research and writing skills. [PSCI 494b Senior Experience](#) is a graded internship experience of at least 90 service hours that builds students' professional skills and portfolio; students must secure an internship. Both courses share the same pre-requisites (completion of PSCI 301, 331, 350, and 370 with a grade of "C" or better; senior status; instructor consent).

### **PSCI COURSES THAT SATISFY DD (UDGE SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT)**

Students whose catalog year is Fall 2018 or later may satisfy both a major course requirement and area DD with a PSCI course that carries DD designation. In other words, it's possible to double count these courses. Keep in mind, however, there is an upper-division major breadth requirement for PSCI majors whose catalog year is Fall 2019 or later, which is any DD course that is not PSCI.

PSCI 305	Race, Ethnicity, Power and Politics in the U.S.
PSCI 331	World Political Systems
PSCI 339	Introduction to the Politics of the Arab World

PSCI 343	Power and Gender in the Muslim World
PSCI 350	Global Governance
PSCI 355	U.S. Foreign Policy
PSCI 356	Russia and the World
PSCI 361	U.S.-Latin American Relations
PSCI364A	Arab-Israeli Conflict: Origins-1948
PSCI364B	Arab-Israeli Conflict: 1948-present
PSCI 366	The Search for Peace: The Arab-Israel Peace Process
PSCI 391	Gender and Public Policy
PSCI 413A	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
PSCI 413A	Constitutional Law: Equal Protection and Civil Rights
PSCI 414	U.S. Judicial Process
PSCI 415	State Politics
PSCI 417	Presidency in the U.S.
PSCI 418	American Indian and Political Development
PSCI 422	Media and Politics
PSCI 445	Gender and Development
PSCI 460	Global Money and Power
PSCI 461	Resource Wars

**ELECTIVES PSCI COURSES** - In addition to core courses, a variety of upper-division electives are offered that fulfill each of our sub-fields, United States Politics and Government (USPG), Comparative Politics (CP), International Politics (IP), and Political Theory (PT). Most of our upper-division electives are offered once every three to four semesters. Therefore, a student who plans to complete the degree in four years might expect to see each upper-division elective offered 1-2 times. Our upper-division courses are offered at various times/days throughout the week. We may offer 1 or 2 upper-division courses during the summer.

**GENERAL PSCI COURSES** - A few PSCI courses may be taught from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, and therefore, carry a "General" designation. Your faculty advisor and/or instructor will determine which sub-field the class satisfies.

PSCI 392	Religion and Politics
PSCI 394	Political Corruption and Ethics
PSCI 495	Internships

**GLOBAL CONCENTRATION MAJORS** - If you are a Global Concentration major, you are required to take one upper-division class outside the major that deals with global issues. You should meet with your faculty advisor to get approval for these courses. However, the following is a partial list of courses that meet this requirement.

GBST 300	Global Studies
GBST 302	Global Money and Power

GBST 390	Topics in Global Studies
GBST 435	Rebellion and Civil War
BRS 300	Borders: Interdisciplinary Perspectives ∞
BRS 364	Trade Routes: Pathways Across Borders ∞
BRS 400	Comparative Border Studies
BRS 353	Border Water Conflicts ∞
ECON 441	International Economics: Trade
ECON 442	Economics of Development
ECON 443	International Economics: Money
ECON 444	International Economics: Labor
ECON 445	Gender and Development
GEOG 352	Environment, Development and Sustainability
GEOG 365	Globalization and Trade
HIST 304	The Cultural Legacy of Ancient Rome **
HIST 306	History of Internationalism and Human Rights
HIST 307	The Politics of Irish Nationalism
HIST 312	The Ancient World in Film **
HIST 322	Interwar Europe, 1919-1939
HIST 323	Society and Culture in Modern Europe **
HIST 324	The Enlightenment and European Society
HIST 325	Revolutionary Europe
HIST 326	Europe Since 1945
HIST 327	Women in Modern Europe
HIST 352	Mexico, Past and Present
HIST 355	Women in Latin America
HIST 356	Culture and Identity in Latin America **
HIST 359	A History of Brazil
HIST 361	Modern East Asia **
HIST 363	China in Revolution
HIST 364	Image and Reality—Film and Modern Chinese History **
HIST 365	Modern Japan
HIST 367	Women in China
HIST 370	Early African History **
HIST 371	Modern African History
HIST 374	Africa Under European Imperialism 1880-1975
HIST 375	African Nationalism and Independence
HIST 379	Africa and the World in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
HIST 381	Comparative French Colonialism: From the Caribbean to Indochina
HIST 382	Travel and Contact in the Early Modern World **
HIST 383	Women and Jewish History

HIST 384 Women and Gender in the Middle East  
 HIST 385 Middle East, 1700 to Present  
 HIST 386 Haiti and World History  
 HIST 387 History of the United Nations  
 HIST 388 History of War in Modern Society \*\*

LTWR 320 Sacred Texts \*\*  
 LTWR 355 The Middle East in Literature and Film \*\*  
 LTWR 360 Emerging Literature in a Global Context  
 LTWR 410 Global Literature I

∞ **Also satisfies Area DD (UDGE Social Science requirement)**  
 \*\* **Also satisfies Area CC (UDGE Humanities requirement)**

Internships are offered year-round. Internships are generally unpaid but provide useful experience that may give you a competitive edge for graduate school or in your career search. Check out the [Political Science website](#) further information.

See the [Department website](#) for your assigned faculty advisor to contact your faculty advisor with any advising questions you might have for the major. For advising questions on your university general education requirements, please schedule an appointment with [University Advising Services](#). Access your Degree Planner through the Student Center at myCSUSM in PeopleSoft. See the [Degree Planner How to Video here](#).