



**Political Science
Major Requirements**

2023-2024

55 Credits, including 34 Upper Division (UD)

Student Name	Student ID	Quarter Admitted		
General Core – 33 Credits				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 1120: American Government & Politics	WKSS	5		
POL 2320: Comparative Political Systems		5		
POL 2330: International Relations	WKSS, CUE	5		
POL 3677: Urban Politics	WE, UD	5		
POL 4000: Public Policy & Administration	UD			
POL 4641: Theories of Political Systems: Ancient	UD, W	5		
POL 4642: Theories of Political Systems: Modern				
POL 4643: Methods of Political Analysis	UD	5		
POL 4899: Political Science Capstone	UD, W	3		
Total Credits:			Avg. GPA	
US Systems				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 3430: Pres & Congress: Pol Leadership (5)	WE, UD, W	5		
POL 3670: Hist. of US Foreign Rel. (5)	WE, UD, W			
POL 3780: Law & Society (5)	UD, WE			
POL 4450: Constitutional Law: Powers (5)	UD			
POL 4451: Constitutional Law: Liberties (5)	UD			
International Affairs & Global Systems				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
ISD/POL 3050: Inst & Institutional Analysis (5)	UD	5		
POL 3330: Global Women’s Issues (5)	CUE, WE, UD			
POL 3400: International Organizations (3)	CUE, UD			
POL 3440: War, Peace, & World Order (5)	WE, UD			
POL 4336: Cybersecurity (5)	WE, UD			
POL 4452: International Law (3)	CUE, UD			
International Political Economy				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
ECN/POL 4310: International Political Economy	UD	5		
POL 3320: Political & Economic Dev of Nations	UD, W			
Experiential Learning*				
	Attributes	Credits	Quarter	Grade
POL 2000: Vocations in Political Science		1		
POL 4940: Political Internships	UD	1		
Political Science Electives – 5 credits required				
Total Credits:			Avg. GPA	

*Students may complete approved study abroad or experiential learning activity instead of internship

Applying to the Major

*This is a quick-access guide.
The Undergraduate Catalog is the official contract
between student and the university.
spu.edu/catalog.*

Admission Criteria:

- 2.0+ cumulative GPA
- Complete and submit application. Applications are available on Banner and accepted throughout the year.

Internships

Political Science majors are required to take at least 1 internship credit relevant to your academic and career goals. Interns work in public and private sectors as well as local, national, and international non-profit organizations. Political science majors are encouraged to complete their internship experience during their junior or senior year.

Criteria:

- An internship setting and activities performed must be in the field of political science but can be in a variety of organizational types.
- Your work must be overseen by an on-site supervisor.
- You must meet with your on-site supervisor periodically throughout the internship.
- Your supervisor must agree to provide ongoing formative evaluations and a formal final evaluation of your work.
- The site must provide at the three to five hours of experiential learning per week and at least 30-50 hours during the quarter for one-credit.

Credits:

The Political Science major requires a minimum of 1 internship credit; however, students may earn up to 6 credits for their internship experience. The number of credits that students are eligible to receive is directly connected to the number of hours worked at their internship site:

- 1 credit (3 - 5 hrs/week)
- 2 credits (6 - 8 hrs/week)
- 3 credits (9 - 11 hrs/week)
- 4 credits (12 - 14 hrs/week)
- 5 credits (15 - 20 hrs/week)
- 6 credits (20 - 24 hrs/week)

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