

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Acceptance to Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
POLS 111	Introduction to U.S. Politics (or equivalent)	4
POLS 121	Introduction to International Relations	4
Select at least one of the following:		4
POLS 221	Political Theory: An Introduction	
POLS 222	Research Methods in Political Science	
POLS 223	Comparative Politics	
POLS 224	Courts, Law and Policy	

Minimum Grade and/or GPA for required courses: 2.00 GPA

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.00

41-44 credits required

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4 of the following		16
POLS 111	Introduction to U.S. Politics	
POLS 121	Introduction to International Relations	
POLS 221	Political Theory: An Introduction	
POLS 223	Comparative Politics	
POLS 224	Courts, Law and Policy	
POLS 222	Research Methods in Political Science	4
POLS (300-Level)		16
POLS (300-Level) ¹		1-4
One of the following		4
POLS 361	Research Seminar in Public Affairs	
POLS 362	Research Seminar in Law	
POLS 363	Research Seminar in Political Institutions	
POLS 364	Research Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics	
POLS 365	Research Seminar in Political Theory	
Total Hours		41-44

¹ Must be a course with an EX or an approved POLS study abroad course.

Additional Requirements:

General Education Requirements:

All undergraduate students must complete the requirements of the Integrations Curriculum (IC) which is designed to ensure all of our students receive a liberal arts education. Please review details of the Integrations Curriculum (<https://catalog.csbsju.edu/catalog/academic-programs-policies-regulations/integrations-curriculum/>) requirements here (<https://catalog.csbsju.edu/catalog/academic-programs-policies-regulations/integrations-curriculum/>).

Graduation Requirements:

In addition to the Integrations Curriculum, all undergraduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements to earn their degree from CSB and SJU.

Credits: 124 total credits, 40 of which must be from upper division coursework

GPA: 2.0 or higher*

Residency: At least 24 of your last 32 credits must be completed at CSB/SJU

Please visit Graduation (<https://catalog.csbsju.edu/catalog/academic-programs-policies-regulations/graduation/>) under the Academic Policies and Regulations (<https://catalog.csbsju.edu/catalog/academic-programs-policies-regulations/>) portion of the catalog for additional details regarding degree requirements.

* Cumulative GPA as well as major(s)/minor(s) GPA. Please note some majors/minors may require a higher GPA to earn their degree.

Comprehensive exam, senior year.

Four Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
INTG 105	College Success	1
INTG 100 or INTG 205	Foundations or Transfer Seminar	4
Language 111		4
POLS 111 or POLS 180	Introduction to U.S. Politics ¹ or Politics and Political Life	4
THEO 100	Theological Explorations	4
Hours		17
Spring		
POLS 121	Introduction to International Relations	4
Language 112		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Hours		16
Second Year		
Fall		
Language 211		4
Elective (Integrations Requirement)		4
POLS 221	Political Theory: An Introduction	4
POLS 180	Politics and Political Life	4
Hours		16
Spring		
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 222	Research Methods in Political Science	
POLS 223	Comparative Politics	
POLS 224	Courts, Law and Policy	
MATH 1@@ ²		4
POLS 3@@ Elective		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Hours		16
Third Year		
Fall		
Study Abroad ³		16
Hours		16
Spring		
POLS 377A	Justice	4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Elective (Integrations Requirement) ⁴		4
POLS 3@@ ⁵		4
Hours		16

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Fourth Year

Fall

POLS 326A	Sex, Death, Religion, and Politics	4
POLS 36@		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Hours		16

Spring

INTG 300	Learning Integrations	4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Elective for Minor or Double Major		4
Hours		16
Total Hours		129

¹ POLS 180 Politics and Political Life if credit brought in.

² MATH 124 Probability and Statistical Inference is AS, QR, and Justice or Truth depending.

³ Most programs include a POLS course which would count for major.

⁴ NUTR 110 Understanding Nutrition and NUTR 125 Concepts of Nutrition Science are NW, Justice.

⁵ Ethics of War, Comparative Health Care, Brazil, Feminist Political Theory.