CATALOG TERM: 2026-2027 **TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED = 120**

POLITICAL SCIENCE

- This worksheet is intended for supplemental use only. The University will use your Academic Requirements Report (ARR) to track your graduation requirements, including those for your major. Please continue to check your ARR for accuracy. If your ARR requires a correction, please submit an ARR Correction Form.
- Your Degree Planner will display the following requirements in the University's recommended sequence.
- All courses used for the major and preparation for the major must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher, except PSCI internship courses that must be completed with a grade of credit (CR).
- A minimum of 27 units counted toward the major must be completed at CSUSM.
- No more than 9 units of PSCI 495, 498 and/or PSCI 499 may be counted toward the major.
- All non-articulated courses MUST be reviewed and approved by a faculty advisor.
- Additional general elective courses may be required to satisfy the University's 120 overall unit requirement.

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR (6 UNITS)

✓	Course	Units
☐	GBST 100: Introduction to Global Studies	3
☐	PSCI 100: US Government and Politics	3

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (0-9 UNITS):

This requirement can be met in one of the following ways:

a. Intermediate 200-level (3rd semester) language course with a grade of C or higher or CR.
b. CSUSM Language Proficiency Exam demonstrating intermediate-level language proficiency.
c. AP Language other than English Examination with a score of 3 or higher.
d. IB Higher-Level Language A Literature Exam or Language A Language and Literature Exam with score of 4 or higher.
e. CLEP with the following minimum score: French Level II: 59; German Level II: 60; Spanish Level II: 63.
f. TOEFL or other CSUSM-approved English language exam as a condition for admission to CSUSM.
g. Completion at least 3 full-time years at a high school or university where English was not the principal language of instruction.
h. Intermediate-level ASL may fulfill this requirement; see Catalog for conditions.

✓	Proficiency met via:
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UPPER-DIVISION CORE COURSEWORK (18 UNITS)

✓	Course	Units
☐	GBST 300: Perspectives in Globalization	3
☐	PSCI 301: The Practice of Political Research (*junior or senior standing)	3
☐	PSCI 331: World Political Systems	3
☐	PSCI 350: Global Governance	3
☐	PSCI 370: Foundations of Political Thought	3

Select one of the following courses in the final semester of the major:

PSCI 494A: Senior Seminar (*PSCI 301, 331, 350, 370; senior status; instructor consent)

PSCI 494B: Senior Experience (*PSCI 301, 331, 350, 370; senior status; instructor consent)

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

UPPER-DIVISION POLITICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (18 UNITS)

U.S Government and Politics Course (3 units)

Select one of the following courses:

PSCI 305	PSC1 397#	PSCI 406	PSCI 413B	PSCI 419
PSCI 319	PSCI 401	PSCI 410	PSCI 414	PSCI 420
PSCI 321	PSCI 402	PSCI 412	PSCI 415	PSCI 422

**prerequisite; #may only be used for USGP or CP, not both.*

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PSCI 339 PSCI 405 PSCI 413A PSCI 417 PSCI 480

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

Comparative Politics Course (3 units)

Select one of the following courses:

PSCI 337	PSCI 340	PSCI 348	PSCI 397#	PSCI 439	PSCI 449
PSCI 338	PSCI 341	PSCI 349	PSCI 431	PSCI 444	
PSCI 339	PSCI 342	PSCI 392	PSCI 434	PSCI 445	

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

International Politics Course (3 units)

Select one of the following courses:

PSCI 355	PSCI 361	PSCI 365	PSCI 433	PSCI 460	PSCI 465
PSCI 356	PSCI 362	PSCI 368	PSCI 435	PSCI 461	PSCI 469
PSCI 358	PSCI 364A	PSCI 369	PSCI 450	PSCI 462	
PSCI 359	PSCI 364B	PSCI 396	PSCI 455	PSCI 463	

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

Political Theory Course (3 units)

Select one of the following courses:

PSCI 371	PSCI 373	PSCI 379	PSCI 472
PSCI 372	PSCI 374	PSCI 470	PSCI 479

✓	Course	Units
☐		3

Additional Upper-division Political Science Electives (6 units)

Select 6 units of upper-division Political Science (PSCI) courses not already used in the major.

✓	Course	Units
☐		3
☐		3