



# Political Science Major Requirements (rev. 6/12/16)

For the Classes of 2017 and 2018

**Degree Requirements: 40 courses are required for graduation. These 40 courses are comprised of:**

- A) GEP Signature Core, B) GEP Variable courses, C) GEP Integrative Learning Courses, D) free electives
- E) Major Requirements, and F) Overlays.

A. GEP Signature Core Courses	Semester completed
All non-transfer students must take these 6 Courses at SJU.	
1. PHL 154 Moral Foundations	
2. THE 154 Faith, Justice & the Catholic Tradition	
3. ENG 102 Texts and Contexts (pre-req: ENG 101)	
4. HIS 154 Forging the Modern World	
5. First Year Seminar (XXX 150)	
6. Faith and Reason Course (pre-req: PHL 154 and THE 154). <i>See page 3 for additional note on this requirement.</i>	

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B. GEP Variable Courses	Course(s) required/taken	Semester Completed	
	Please note students may earn AP credit and/or use transfer credits to meet these requirements.		
Fine & Performing Arts or Literature	One course		
Mathematics (Beauty)	One course. A score of 4 or 5 on the Calculus AB or BC AP exam fulfills this requirement.		
Natural Science	One lab course or 2 non-lab courses. If two non-lab courses are taken, an elective will be used to fulfill the second course.	_____	
Non-native Language	1-2 courses at the level in which the student is placed. Possible sequence options include: 101___ 102___ (2 courses) 102___ 201___ (2 courses) 201___ 202___ (2 courses) 202___ 301___ (2 courses) 301___ (1 course) <b>AP Score of 4</b> – awarded credit for 202 and required to complete one additional course at SJU (typically 301 or 303) <b>AP score of 5</b> - awarded credit for 2 courses - requirement is fulfilled. No additional courses required at SJU.	Course 1	Course 2
Social/Behavioral Science	POL 111 Intro to American Government		
Philosophy (Philosophical Anthropology)	One course (pre-req: PHL 154)		
Theology (Religious Difference)	One course - course used to fulfill this requirement cannot also be used to satisfy the diversity/globalization/non-Western area studies overlay requirement		
Writing	ENG 101 Craft of Language - A score of 4 or 5 on the English Literature or Language AP test fulfills this requirement.		

C. GEP Integrative Learning Courses for Political Science Majors (3 courses)	Semester Completed
1. MAT 118 Intro to Statistics	
2. ECN 102 Macro Economics	
3. Individualized Choice. Students can choose from the following: upper division ECN, HIS, PHL, PSY, SOC or continuing non-native language course, beyond the GEP requirement.	

<b>D. Free Electives</b> (Minimum 10 courses) Note that the number of free electives may vary depending on AP credits, natural science option completed, and number of courses required for the non-native language requirement.			
Elective	Semester completed	Elective	Semester completed
Natural Science (if 2 non-lab are taken)			

<b>E. Major Requirements (12 Courses)</b>	
Course	Semester completed
<i>POL 111 Intro to American Government (Satisfies the GEP Social Science Requirement)</i>	
<b>Introductory Courses</b> <i>We generally recommend that students complete the four introductory courses prior to taking any upper division courses. Please discuss exceptions with your advisor.</i>	
1. POL 113 Intro to Comparative Politics	
2. POL 115 Intro to Global Politics	
3. POL 117 Intro to Political Thought	
4. POL 201 or POL 231 Sophomore Seminar (specialized topic) <b>Spring ONLY</b>	
<b>Upper Division Courses (7 POL 270, 300 and 400-level courses)</b>	
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11. Highly Recommended: POL Internship 411, 412, 413, 414 or 491 (HIS 491).	
<b>Political Science Capstone Course (40X level course)</b> ( <i>certified Writing Intensive</i> )	
12.	

<b>F. Overlays</b>	Semester Completed
Many <b>major courses</b> will complete these requirements, as will electives and minor classes. <b>Please see below for additional information on these requirements.</b>	
1. Writing-Intensive (pre-req: ENG 102) <b>POL 40x (Capstone) meet this requirement</b>	
2. Ethics-Intensive (pre-req: PHL 154) <b>POL 305, 357, &amp; 407 all meet this requirement</b>	
3. Diversity/Globalization/non-Western ( <b>POL 113 &amp; 115 meet this requirement as do many UDs</b> )	



## Political Science Major – Typical Course Sequence

(for the Classes of 2017-2018)

**Note regarding Three Overlays and the Faith & Reason Requirement:** As noted on the previous page, in addition to the courses outlined in the typical course sequence, students must complete: (1) one course certified in diversity, globalization, or non-Western studies, (2) one ethics-intensive course, and (3) one writing-intensive course. Many major courses, as well as electives, select GEP courses, or minor courses may be used to fulfill these overlays. Below are specific guidelines for each class with regard to overlay requirements and the Faith & Reason signature core course:

**Class of 2015:** Of the four GEP requirements, Faith Reason and the three overlay requirements, students in the class of 2015 need to satisfy three of the four. Students in the class of 2015 would have to complete (1) a Faith and Reason course and two overlay requirements OR (2) all three overlay requirements.

**Class of 2016:** Must take Faith Reason and **two of the three** overlay requirements.

**Sequencing:** We recommend that students take their introductory POL courses (POL 11x) in their first two years (although the order students take the intros doesn't matter). Please note, however, that POL 117 is typically offered only once a year, and that the Sophomore Seminars are only offered in the Spring. Also note: **Internship requirement** applies only to **Class of 2017 and beyond**. Others take any POL UD, including the internship.

FIRST-YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	ENG 101 Non-Native Language I HIS 154 or First Year Seminar PHL 154 or THE 154 POL 11X Intro Course	ENG 102 Non-Native Language II First Year Seminar or HIS 154 THE 154 or PHL 154 POL 11X Intro Course
SOPHOMORE YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	POL 11X Intro Course MAT Beauty ECN 102 (ILC) or POL 11X Intro Course PHL Anthropology or THE Religious Diff. Elective or Art/Lit	POL 201 or POL 231 (spring only!) Mat 118 (ILC) POL 11X Intro Course or ECN 102 (ILC) THE Religious Diff. or PHL Anthropology Art/Lit or Elective
JUNIOR YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	POL Upper Division Elective <sup>3</sup> POL Upper Division Elective <sup>3</sup> Faith & Reason or Natural science Elective Elective	POL Upper Division Elective POL Upper Division Elective Natural science or Faith & Reason Elective Elective
SENIOR YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	POL Upper Division Elective POL Internship ILC (3rd) or Elective Natural Science 2 (non-lab) or Elective <sup>1</sup> Elective	POL 40X Capstone Course POL Upper Division Elective ILC (3rd) or Elective Elective Elective

- Note that the number of free electives may vary depending on AP credits awarded, the natural science option completed (one lab course vs. two non-lab courses), and number of courses completed for the non-native language requirement.