

# GEP

## Political Science Major Requirements (Updated May 2017)

For the Classes of 2019 and Beyond

**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).	

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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 Politics		
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. Upper Division HIS Course (200-499)	
2. ECN 101 Micro Economics or 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.	

**D. Free Electives** (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)			

**E. Major Requirements (12 Courses)**

Course	Semester completed
<i>POL 111 Intro to American Politics (Satisfies the GEP Social Science Requirement)</i>	
<b>Introductory Courses</b>	
1. POL 113 Intro to Comparative Politics	
2. POL 115 Intro to Global Politics	
3. POL 117 Intro to Political Thought	
<b>Upper Division Courses (7 POL 300 and 400-level courses. POLs 270s count, but only twice. NOTE: POL majors who double-major in IR may not count more than 3 Upper Division courses towards either degree requirement.)</b>	
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<b>Experiential Learning Course (1 POL Internship Course or any Service-Learning course)</b>	
11. POL Internship 411, 412, 413, 414, or POL/HIS 491, or course with SLR attribute.	
<b>Political Science Capstone Course (40X level course) (certified Writing Intensive)</b> (NOTE: POL majors who double-major in IR must complete a second Senior Capstone Course to fulfill the IR major requirements. In addition, Capstone Courses do not count towards the Upper Division Course requirements for either major.)	
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**F. Overlays**

Many **major courses** will complete these requirements, as will electives and minor classes.  
**Please see below for additional information on these requirements.**

	Semester Completed
1. Writing-Intensive (pre-req: ENG 102)	
2. Ethics-Intensive (pre-req: PHL 154)	
3. Diversity/Globalization/non-Western	



## Political Science Major – Typical Course Sequence

(for the Classes of 2019 and Beyond)

**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 offered only once a year.

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 101/102 (ILC) or POL 11X Intro Course PHL Anthropology or THE Religious Diff. Elective or Art/Lit	POL 11X Intro Course or POL Upper Division Elective UD HIS Course (ILC) POL 11X Intro Course or ECN 101/102 (ILC) THE Religious Diff. or PHL Anthropology Art/Lit or Elective
JUNIOR YEAR	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
	POL Upper Division Elective POL Upper Division Elective Faith & Reason or Natural Science <sup>1</sup> 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 Experiential Learning Course ILC (3rd) or Elective Natural Science 2 (non-lab) or Elective <sup>1</sup> Elective	POL 40X Senior Capstone POL Upper Division Elective Elective or ILC (3rd) 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.