MAJOR REQUIREMENTS WORKSHEET

Here is a link to the major requirements: Political Science, B.A. < University of South Carolina

Departmental advisors are happy to assist students in selecting POLI courses that reflect their interests.

OPTIONS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

1. **General major** - 27 hours, completed according to requirements listed on the front of this sheet.
2. **BA with distinction** – General major, plus 301, 498, and 499. This option is for students who wish to participate in significant research activities in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. Prerequisite: 3.6 minimum GPA in major courses and a minimum overall GPA of 3.3. A written sponsorship agreement from the faculty mentor will be placed on file in the department or college office. Students will produce a piece of original research and make a public presentation of that research in a venue approved by the faculty mentor. Venues include the annual meeting of the SC Political Science Association (or other annual meeting of the appropriate professional organization), a regular or special session of the Political Science Research Workshop, sessions scheduled for the Political Science Awards Day activities, USC Discovery Day, or successful submission of the research to a professional journal.   Students who successfully complete these requirements and maintain a GPA of at least 3.6 in major courses and a 3.3 overall will be awarded their degree with "Distinction in Political Science" upon graduation.
3. **Intensive major** – General major plus six additional hours of approved major work and 499. Intensive majors must maintain a B or better in all major courses. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language, defined as successful completion of course work in that language through the intermediate level.

SIGN UP FOR POLINOTE – OUR LISTSERV FOR UNDERGRADUATES

This is the *only* means the department has to communicate with you, whether it's about advisement, internships, scholarships, etc., so SIGN UP NOW!! It's easy…

1. Sign up for the POLINOTE listserv using your USC-supplied (GEM) email address.
2. Send an email to listserv@listserv.sc.edu.
3. Leave the subject bar empty.
4. In the body of this email type: SUBSCRIBE POLINOTE firstname lastname (example: SUBSCRIBE POLINOTE john smith)

GUIDELINES FOR ADVISEMENT HANDBOOK

This handbook, published by the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, outlines and defines University and College degree requirements. Students should refer to this book for assistance in selecting courses to meet core and distribution requirements. It also provides assistance in minor/cognate selection and answers questions about many University and College of Liberal Arts academic requirements and academic procedures. Students are given one copy of this book when they enter the College. It is also available online at Undergraduate Students - My Arts and Sciences | University of South Carolina under "Academic Policies."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the International Studies major, go to our website: My Poli - Department of Political Science | University of South Carolina or contact Janis Leaphart, Undergraduate Coordinator, in the POLI Office of Undergraduate Student Services at 777-7722 or email her at leaphart@mailbox.sc.edu .

Major Requirements: B.A. Political Science

I.   Core and Distribution Requirements

Course	Grade	Semester
ENGL 101	_____	_____
ENGL 102	_____	_____

HISTORICAL THINKING (6 hours)

111 OR 112	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(101, 102 103, 108, 104, 105, 106, 109; see Advising Handbook for non-history courses)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (through 122)_____

_____	_____	_____
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SCIENTIFIC LITERACY (8 hours)

_____	_____	_____
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ANALYTICAL REASONING & PROBLEM SOLVING (6 hours)
GEOG 105; MATH 122 or higher; PHIL 114, 115; CSCE 101 or higher; STAT 110 or higher ((NOTE: may not count **both** STAT 110 **and** 112)

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HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS (12 hours)
3 hours Aesthetic/Interpretive Understanding (fine arts or literature) + 9 hours (3 additional courses)

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SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 hours)

POLI 101	_____	_____
POLI 303	_____	_____

OVERLAY (9 hours – six hours may also be used to fulfill general education but **not** major or minor requirements)
a. persuasive communication; b. information literacy; c. values, ethics & social responsibility

a._____	_____	_____
b._____	_____	_____
c.__POLI 201__	_____	_____

ELECTIVES

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II.   Major Requirements

Course	Grade	Semester
Required Supporting Courses		
POLI 101	_____	_____
POLI 201	_____	_____
POLI 303	_____	_____

General Major (required) – POLI 105 and any seven POLI courses (21 hours), 300 level or higher.

POLI 105_____	_____	_____
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BA with distinction (optional) – General Major plus POLI 301, 498 and 499.

Intensive Major (optional) – General Major plus six additional hours of POLI major course work, 499, and language certification.

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_____ Certification of completion of language requirement

III.   Cognate or Minor

_____COGNATE **or** _____ MINOR (check one)
(12 hours)   (18 hours)
Name of minor: _____

Course	Grade	Semester
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DOUBLE MAJOR_____
(Double major eliminates the cognate/minor requirement. **NOTE:** dual degree does **not** eliminate the cognate/minor requirement.)