

# POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR: SECONDARY LICENSURE EMPHASIS

## Program Requirements

This emphasis qualifies students for State of Colorado Licensure in Social Science Education. Students interested in pursuing this comprehensive program should consult with the Teacher Education Program advisor in addition to the advisor in their major as soon as possible. A minimum of 72 credits is required. In addition, students must fulfill the Secondary Licensure Option described under Education. The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)	3
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3
ECON 303	International Economics and Globalization	3
ECON 476	American Economic Development	3
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography (GT-SS2)	3
GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography (GT-SS2)	3
GEOG 250	Geography of North America (GT-SS2)	3
GEOL 101	Physical Geology (GT-SC2)	3
HIST 100	Topics in World History (GT-HI1)	3
HIST 126	U.S. History to 1865 (GT-HI1)	3
HIST 127	U.S. History Since 1865 (GT-HI1)	3
HIST 200	Historical Inquiry	3
HIST 327	Colorado History	3
POLS 117	Introduction to Political Ideas (GT-SS1)	3
POLS 180	Introduction to American Politics (GT-SS1)	3
POLS 255	Introduction to Comparative Politics (GT-SS1)	3
POLS 282	Issues in State and Local Government	3
POLS 300	Constitutional Law I	3
POLS 301	Constitutional Law II	3
POLS 309	Political Theory I- Ancient to Early Modern	3
POLS 310	Political Theory II-Modern and Contemporary	3
POLS 376	American Political Thought	3
One of the following:		3
POLS 260	Introduction to World Politics (GT-SS1)	
POLS 360	American Foreign Policy	
Select one of the following capstone courses:		3
POLS 485	Studies in Political Theory:	
POLS 486	Studies in American Politics:	
POLS 487	Studies in International Relations:	
POLS 488	Studies in Comparative Politics:	

**Total Credits** **72**

## Capstone Course Requirement

The following courses in the Politics and Government Major fulfill the capstone course requirement: POLS 485 Studies in Political

Theory; POLS 486 Studies in American Politics;; POLS 487 Studies in International Relations;; POLS 488 Studies in Comparative Politics:.

## Graduation Requirements

Undergraduate programs require a minimum of 120 semester credits for graduation. Of those 120 credits, 40 credits must be in upper-division courses (those marked 300 and above). Fifteen of these 40 upper-division credits must be earned in courses that are part of the standard or comprehensive major program being pursued.

Students are expected to review all graduation requirements, which can be found in the Western Undergraduate Catalog: Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.western.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/>).

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLS 117	Introduction to Political Ideas (GT-SS1)	3
POLS 180	Introduction to American Politics (GT-SS1)	3
ENG 102	Writing and Rhetoric I (GT-C01)	3
HWTR 100	First Year Seminar	1
Gen Ed	General Education Courses	3
HIST 100	Topics in World History (GT-HI1)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POLS 260	Introduction to World Politics (GT-SS1)	3
ECON 201	Macroeconomics (GT-SS1)	3
GEOL 101	Physical Geology (GT-SC2)	3
ENG 103	Writing and Rhetoric II (GT-C02)	3
HIST 200	Historical Inquiry	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLS 282	Issues in State and Local Government	3
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3
GEOG 110	World Regional Geography (GT-SS2)	3
HIST 126	U.S. History to 1865 (GT-HI1)	3
Gen Ed	General Education Courses	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
POLS 301	Constitutional Law II	3
ECON 303	International Economics and Globalization	3
GEOG 250	Geography of North America (GT-SS2)	3
HIST 127	U.S. History Since 1865 (GT-HI1)	3
Gen Ed	General Education Courses	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year Three</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
POLS 300	Constitutional Law I	3
HIST 327	Colorado History	3
GEOG 120	Introduction to Human Geography (GT-SS2)	3
POLS 309	Political Theory I- Ancient to Early Modern	3
Gen Ed	General Education Courses	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ECON 476	American Economic Development	3
POLS 310	Political Theory II-Modern and Contemporary	3
POLS	POLS Capstone	3
Gen Ed	General Education Courses	3

Elective	Electives	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year Four</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
EDUC 403	INSTRTN&ASMT IN CONTENT AREA	3
EDUC 404	Creating Positive Learning Environments	3
EDUC 405	Data-driven Instructional Practices	3
EDUC 409	Secondary Student Teaching	3
EDUC 424	Differentiation: Applying Learner-Centered Instruction	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDUC 402	Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Fluency	3
EDUC 406	Content Area Literacy	3
EDUC 407	Maximizing Learning through 21st Century Skills	3
EDUC 408	Teaching Writing with the Brain in Mind	3
EDUC 409	Secondary Student Teaching	3
EDUC 429	Teaching English Learners for Secondary and K-12 Teachers	3
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>124</b>