

BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND JOURNALISM

Units required for Major: 51
Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The Sacramento State Journalism program provides both a general academic experience and professional preparation. Sacramento's program emphasizes writing, editing, writing for interactive media, and other courses necessary to prepare students for success in media-related jobs; it also includes courses that critically examine media as an institution.

Journalism majors are the core of students who write for *The State Hornet* a weekly newspaper with a website updated daily at www.statehornet.com (<http://www.statehornet.com/>).

A student at Sacramento State may major either in Journalism or in Government-Journalism. A minor in Journalism is valuable to the student entering a career field in which journalism plays a role.

The Journalism graduate who wants to work for a newspaper should expect to serve an apprenticeship with a small newspaper before moving up to a metropolitan daily. Journalism graduates also work as magazine editors and writers, as publications employees in government agencies and associations, in broadcast journalism, and in public affairs.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Majors must complete each required lower and upper division Journalism course with a grade of "C-" or better.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Lower Division Courses (9 Units)		
POLS 1	Essentials Of Government ^{1,2}	3
JOUR 30	News Writing	3
JOUR/COMS 55 or JOUR 50	Media Communication and Society Media Literacy and Critical Thinking	3
Required Upper Division Courses (33 Units)		
<i>Political Science</i>		
POLS 170	Public Policy Development	3
POLS 180	California State and Local Government ²	3
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 153	The American Presidency	
POLS 154	Political Parties in America	
POLS 155	United States Congress	
POLS 156	Interest Groups	
POLS 157	Politics, Opinion, and Participation	
POLS 159A	Campaigns and Elections	
POLS 184	Introduction to Urban Politics	
Select one of the following:		3
POLS 120A	Constitutional Law	
POLS 120B	Constitutional Rights and Liberties	
Select one of the following:		3

POLS 130	International Politics	
POLS 131	International Organization	
POLS 135	American Foreign Policy	
<i>Journalism</i>		
JOUR 130A	News Reporting I	3
JOUR 130B	News Reporting II	3
JOUR/POLS 134	War, Peace and the Mass Media ²	3
JOUR 135	Public Affairs Reporting ²	3
JOUR/COMS 153	Journalism Law and Ethics	3
<i>Internship</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
<i>POLS 195 series</i>		
JOUR 195	Internship In Journalism	
Electives (9 Units)		
Select 6 units of upper division courses in Political Science ³		6
Select one upper division course in Journalism		3
Total Units		51

- ¹ If a student has not taken POLS 1 or its equivalent, then POLS 150 may be used in place of POLS 1 or as its equivalent as a prerequisite.
- ² Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.
- ³ The Department of Political Science particularly recommends at least one course in political theory.
Note: POLS 150 may not be used as an elective.

Note: Political Science and Journalism majors should have both an advisor in the Political Science Department and a Journalism Advisor in the Communication Studies Department.

The University's association with the Washington Center makes it possible for California State University, Sacramento students to undertake an internship in Washington, D.C. There are many opportunities for Government-Journalism majors to do an internship to meet their unique interests through this program.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1 - Oral Communication		3
A2 - Written Communication		3
A3 - Critical Thinking		3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1 - Physical Science		3
B2 - Life Forms		3
B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)		1
B4 - Math Concepts		3
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1 - Arts		3
C2 - Humanities		3
C1/C2 - Area C Course		3

C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. 3

Area D: The Individual and Society (6 Units)

Area D Course ² 0

Area D Course 3

Area D Course 3

Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ² 0

Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)

Area E Course 3

Total Units **43**

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).
Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (3 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government ²		0
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>