

Social Sciences: Political Science BA/BS: 2025-2026

Advising Guide



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GENERAL EDUCATION to be taken at CWI

Course	Course Title	CR	
Written Communication			
ENGL 101	Writing/Rhetoric I	3	
ENGL 102	Writing/Rhetoric II	3	
Oral Communication			
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3	
Mathematical Ways of Knowing			
MATH 123 or above		3	
Scientific Ways of Knowing			
Complete 2 courses from different disciplines with 1 lab course:		4	
*See CWI catalog for list of CORE-Science options		3	
Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing			
Complete 2 courses from different disciplines:		3	
*See CWI catalog for list of CORE-Humanities options		3	
Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing			
Complete 2 courses from different disciplines:		3	
*See CWI catalog for list of CORE Social and Behavioral options		3	
Institutionally Designated			
*See CWI catalog for list of CORE Institutionally Designated options		6	
Additional CWI courses that meet LC State BA/BS Degree Requirements**			
POLS 101	American National Government**	3	
POLS 210	Introduction to Comparative Politics**	3	
POLS 221	Introduction to International Relations**	3	
POLS 230	Political Philosophy**	3	
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I**	4	
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II**	4	
LC State Admissions www.lcsc.edu/admissions or (208) 792-2378 admissions@lcsc.edu			

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements			
Course #	Course Name	CR	
SS 385	Research Methods	3	
SS 499	Seminar in Social Science and History	3	
Select one of the following:			
ANTH 386	Ethnography	3	
HIST 200	Keys to Historical Research		
SS 300	Statistical Methods		
Political Science Emphasis <i>(If taken at CWI do not repeat)</i>			
POLS 101	American National Government**	3	
POLS 237	International Politics**	3	
POLS 285	Comparative Government**	3	
Select 15 credits of POLS numbered 300 or above		15	
Select 12 credits of HIST, JS, ANTH, PSYC, SOC, or SS numbered 200 or above; at least nine must be 300 level or above; at least 3 credits each of SOC, HIST, and ANTH		12	
General Electives CWI or LC State			
General Electives		27	
Graduation Requirements			
Credits that must be earned at LC State		32	
Upper division credits required		36	
TOTAL CWI & LC State Semester Credits		68	
Notes:			
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Complete all required/elective coursework for the AA degree at College of Western Idaho

- This advising guide is based on the completion of an appropriate Associate's degree (typically an AA or AS) with additions made to meet lower division requirements.
- 32 Residency (LC State) credits required for graduation.
- 36 credits must be upper division.
- LC State classes available online (asynchronous) or virtual remote (meet at set times via video conferencing).
- This is just a guide. Please check with your advisor to ensure you earn at least 32 credits at LC State and have completed 36 upper division credits