Coding for POLS Majors 2012-2022 Dataset

Academic Year

- Graduating Cohort (Summer, Fall, Spring)

Semester

- Graduating Semester (Spring/Fall/Summer)

Year

- Year of Graduation

Gender

- Female = 1, Male = 0

Non-White

- All students who checked Caucasian/White on their college applications =0
- All others = 1

YOB

- Year of Birth

Transfer Dummy

- Obtained POLS Credit at another institution = 1
- Others = 0

Program GPA

- GPA in all POLS classes

GPA

- Overall graduating GPA (all subjects, including POLS)

ACT E

- Best English ACT Score

ACT M

- Best Math ACT Score

ACT R

- Best Reading ACT Score

ACT Average

- Average of ACT M, R, and E

POLS 2000 Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2000: Introduction to Politics? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: The class debuted Fall 2018

POLS 2000 Adjunct Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2000: Introduction to Politics with an adjunct? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

POLS 2000 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2000: Introduction to Politics as a 4 week accelerate class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

POLS 2000 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2000: Introduction to Politics as an asynchronous web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

POLS 2010 Adjunct Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2010: American National Government with an adjunct? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2000 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2010: American National Government as an asynchronous web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2010 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2010: American National Government Politics as a 4 week accelerated class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university.

POLS 2040 Adjunct Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2040: Public Policy with an adjunct? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2040 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2040: Public Policy as an asynchronous web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2040 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2040: Public Policy as a 4 week accelerated class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university.

POLS 2070 Adjunct Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2070: International Politics with an adjunct? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2070 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2070: International Politics as a web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 2070 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 2070: International Politics as a 4 week accelerated class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university.

POLS 3000 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3000: Introduction to Political Theory as a web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university

POLS 3000 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3000: Introduction to Political Theory as a 4 week accelerated class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class at the university.

POLS 3010 Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3010: Comparative Politics? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: The class became a required class for students declaring the major Fall 2018 and beyond. It was an elective before that.

POLS 3010 Adjunct Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3010: Comparative Politics with an adjunct? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

POLS 3010 4wk Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3010: Comparative Politics as a 4 week accelerate class? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

POLS 3010 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3010: Comparative Politics as an asynchronous web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class

3020 Y/N

- Did the student take the elective course POLS 3020: American Foreign Policy?

POLS 3760 Online Y/N

- Did the student take POLS 3760: Methods of Research as an asynchronous web course? Yes = 1 No = 0
- Note: No data for students who did not take the class or took a substitute class from another department.

Total American Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the American politics subfield (American National Government, Introduction to Law, Introduction to Public Policy, Congress, The Presidency, Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics, Judicial Policy, American Foreign Policy, State and Local Government, City Politics, Terrorism and Counterterrorism)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.

Total Comparative + IR Courses

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the International relations and Comparative Politics subfield (International Politics, Power Morality and IR, American Foreign Policy, Theories of IR, International Political Economy, the United Nations, Terrorism and Counterterrorism Comparative Politics, European Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, Russian Politics, British Politics, Chinese Politics, Latin American Politics, African Politics)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.
- Note: The ACAT major field test assesses comparative politics and international relations in one score.

IR Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the International relations subfield (International Politics, Power Morality and IR, American Foreign Policy, Theories of IR, International Political Economy, the United Nations, Terrorism and Counterterrorism)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.

Comparative Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the Comparative Politics subfield (Comparative Politics, European Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, Russian Politics, British Politics, Chinese Politics, Latin American Politics, African Politics)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.

Total PA Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the public administration subfield (Intro to Public Policy, US Defense Policy, US Health Care Policy)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.

Total Legal Studies Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in legal studies (Intro to the Law, Legal Research and Writing, Torts, Civil Trial and Appellate Procedure, Legal Ethics, Constitutional Law, Judicial Policy, Judicial Politics, Juvenile Law, Family Law, Women and the Law, Legal Mediation)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.
- Note: some of these classes were erased from the course catalog in 2018. Several do not count for the major despite their POLS prefix.

Total Theory/Methods Classes

- Total courses taken by the student classified as classes in the political theory and political methodology subfields (Intro to Political Theory, Research Methods, Power Morality and IR, Contemporary Political Ideas, Democracy, and several special topics courses)
- Note: This category is not exclusive of other categories. For example, an American Politics course can also be a legal studies course.

Total Courses Taught by Adjuncts

- Total courses taught by faculty not on the tenure track.

Total POLS Classes

- Total classes passed at the university (or failed and not retaken) with a POLS prefix.

Total POLS Web Classes

- Total classes passed at the university (or failed and not retaken) with a POLS prefix in an online format.

Percentage Online

- Total POLS Web Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

Percentage Adjuncts

- Total POLS Classes With Adjuncts divided by Total POLS Classes

Capstone Y/N

- Did the student take a capstone course?
- Note: Course only became available Fall 2021

Capstone Online

- Did the student take a capstone course in web asynchronous format?
- Note: Course only became available Spring 2022

ETS Overall Score

- Overall score on the ETS Political Science Major Field Test

ETS American

- Score on the American Politics section of the ETS MFT

ETS Comparative

- Score on the Comparative Politics section of the ETS MFT

ETS International Relations

- Score on the International Relations section of the ETS MFT

ETS CT (AI1)

- Score on the Critical Thinking questions of the ETS MFT
- Note: score is not valid for individual assessment purposes – but cohort scores can be valid.

ETS Methods (AI2)

- Score on the Research Methods questions of the ETS MFT
- Note: score is not valid for individual assessment purposes – but cohort scores can be valid.

ETS Theory (AI3)

- Score on the political theory questions of the ETS MFT
- Note: score is not valid for individual assessment purposes – but cohort scores can be valid.

ETS Percentile

- National percentile of the ETS overall score.
- Note: percentiles for identical scores can vary depending of the year collected as the reference group changes.

CCST – Overall

- Overall score on the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Percentile

- National Percentile on the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Analysis

- Score on the analysis section of the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Inference

- Score on the inference section of the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Evaluation

- Score on the evaluation section of the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Induction

- Score on the induction section of the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

CCST – Deduction

- Score on the deduction section of the university exit exam (California Critical Thinking Test)

Minutes on CCTST

- Number of minutes spent on the university exit exam.

Percentage 16 weeks

- Percentage of classes taken by the student in a full fall or spring semester (16 weeks)

Percentage 8 weeks

- Percentage of classes taken by the student in a half semester accelerated format (8 weeks)

Percentage 4 weeks

- Percentage of classes taken by the student in 4 to 5 week accelerated format (summer/winter)

Percentage American

- Total American Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

Percentage IR

- Total Comparative + IR Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

Percentage PA

- Total PA Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

Percentage Theory/Methods

- Total Theory/Methods Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

Percentage Legal Studies

- Total Legal Studies Classes divided by Total POLS Classes

ACT Dummy

- ACT scores available = 1; Not available =0

Age At Graduation

- Year – YOB

Aggregate CT

- Measure of student critical thinking collected junior year in introduction to political theory. Follows the WSU CT rubric. A full discussion of this measure can be found in Phillips, John (2019) "Making Assignments Count: The Quest for Critical Thinking in Undergraduate Political Theory Classes" Journal of Political Science Education, Vol 4 Issue 3
  DOI: 10.1080/15512169.2018.1443272

American

- Score on the American Politics section of the ACAT MFT

International

- Score on the International Relations and Comparative Politics section of the ACAT MFT

PA

- Score on the Public Administration section of the ACAT MFT

Theory

- Score on the Theory and Methods section of the ACAT MFT

Overall

- Overall score on the ACAT MFT

Percentile

- Percentile of the national reference group on the ACAT MFT