

THE POSC MAJOR: AN OVERVIEW

Core + concentration + breadth (with a practicum)

Whether you are new to the major or checking that you are on track to graduate, the three main areas of the major are explained in brief below. Most simply put: 6 + 18 + 15 = 39 units.



THE CORE COURSES (6 units)

Every POSC major must complete two core courses that introduce key concepts, substantive material, and research skills.

POSC 100: Introduction to American Government is an important early foundation of your POSC and general education studies.

POSC 300: Foundation and Scope of Political Science helps to provide you with an overview of research methods and evaluation of evidence in POSC. Aim to take during your junior year.

THE CONCENTRATION (18 units)

Each student must select a concentration within the major: Global Politics, Law Politics and Policy, or Political Theory

The bulk of a student's POSC classes will be taken in this area, including one lower division "gateway" course, four upper division courses, and one senior seminar. May include the practicum* class.



THE BREADTH (15 units)

The breadth is your chance to develop a well-rounded POSC knowledge base. The breadth is made up of classes from the two concentration areas you did not select, as well as some miscellaneous POSC courses that do not fit neatly into any concentration. Can include one lower division course. If you did not do your practicum* as part of your concentration, it should be taken here.

**The practicum is a way to connect the classroom to the outside world of politics-- it can be accomplished through service learning, internship, or simulation courses.*

Need more details?

<http://www.cla.csulb.edu/departments/polisci/>



The official major requirements worksheet and much more info are on the department website. Find complete course specifics in the CSULB catalog and the CSULB schedule of classes.



Questions? Make an appointment or attend a workshop with a POSC or College of Liberal Arts-ATLAS advisor.