

California State University, Long Beach
Department of Political Science

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POLITICAL SCIENCE M.A.

Requirements as of Fall 2012
30 units required

The Political Science MA program at CSULB provides students the opportunity to acquire insights into the sphere of politics. Students will learn political science theories and their application to contemporary national and international political challenges. This training lays the foundation for further graduate study, as well as for careers in education, non-governmental organizations, and government. MA students will study with highly rated and dedicated professors, who include some of the most accomplished scholars on campus. Students will be able to understand the core questions and basic literature in at least one subfield of political science, apply political science theories to real world problems, show familiarity with basic issues of research design and political science methodology, and demonstrate mastery of writing and verbal communication.

Guidelines and additional information:

- Students may not repeat graduate-level courses.
- The student, in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator, will determine whether they will take comprehensive examinations or write a thesis. Typically, students opt for comprehensive exams.
- Once advanced to candidacy, M.A. students may not change the composition of their committee.
- The Department awards a number of graduate assistantships each semester. The responsibilities of graduate assistants typically include assisting faculty in evaluating the written work of students enrolled into POSC 100.
- A full time student can complete the program in two years. All requirements of the degree program must be completed within seven years.
- To apply, you must submit an application to both the University and the Department. Please check the CSULB website for current deadlines.

I. REQUIRED COURSES (3 courses = 9 units)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES:

GRADE _____ POSC 500: Foundation & Scope of Political Science (3) _____ POSC 550: Research Methods in Political Science (3)
_____ POSC 525: Seminar in Political Theory (3)

II. MAJOR REQUIREMENT (3 courses = 9 units)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO "MAJOR" AREAS

Global Politics

COMPLETE TWO FIELD SEMINARS (6 UNITS):

GRADE _____ POSC 600: Seminar in International Politics (3) _____ POSC 610: Seminar in Comparative Government (3)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE SELECTED TOPICS SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE _____ POSC 605: Selected Topics in International Politics (3) _____ POSC 615: Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3)

Law, Politics, and Policy

COMPLETE TWO FIELD SEMINARS (6 UNITS):

GRADE _____ POSC 640: Seminar in American Political Behavior (3) _____ POSC 642: Seminar in American Political Institutions (3)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE SELECTED TOPICS SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE _____ POSC 644: Selected Topics in Policy and Politics (3) _____ POSC 615: Selected Topics in Law and Politics (3)

III. MINOR REQUIREMENT (2 courses = 6 units)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE "MINOR" AREAS (MAY NOT BE THE SAME AS MAJOR SELECTION)

Global Politics

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE FIELD SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 600: Seminar in International Politics (3) ____ POSC 610: Seminar in Comparative Government (3)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE SELECTED TOPICS SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 605: Selected Topics in International Politics (3) ____ POSC 615: Selected Topics in Comparative Politics (3)

Law, Politics, and Policy

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE FIELD SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 640: Seminar in American Political Behavior (3) ____ POSC 642: Seminar in American Political Institutions (3)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE SELECTED TOPICS SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 644: Selected Topics in Policy and Politics (3) ____ POSC 615: Selected Topics in Law and Politics (3)

Political Theory

COMPLETE ONE FIELD SEMINAR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 525: Seminar in Political Theory (3)

COMPLETE ONE ELECTIVE COURSE CHOSEN IN CONSULTATION WITH GRADUATE COORDINATOR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ Course 1: _____

IV. ELECTIVE COURSE (1 course= 3 units)

COMPLETE ONE ELECTIVE COURSE CHOSEN IN CONSULTATION WITH GRADUATE COORDINATOR (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ Course: _____

V. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OR THESIS (1 course= 3 units)

CHOOSE AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (3 UNITS):

GRADE
____ POSC 697: Comprehensive Examination (3) ____ POSC 698: Thesis (3)

IMPORTANT:

This checklist is not intended to replace advising from the department. Consult with the graduate coordinator for course selection and sequencing, additional rules, and other questions. Please use this checklist in combination with your official MyCSULB Academic Requirements Report. For additional course information and requirements, please see: http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/cla/political_science/poscma01.html.