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Department of Political Science

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POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.

Law, Politics, and Policy

Requirements as of Fall 2019
39 units required

Law, Politics, and Policy

This concentration examines the interaction of law, politics, and policy in the American context, with an emphasis on governmental institutions, political participation, and the policy making process. A key focus is the explanation of human behavior, group cooperation and conflict, and political outcomes. Students also master the basics of quantitative and qualitative research design and gain quantitative fluency. These abilities are critical in effectively answering dilemmas that arise in a wide array of jobs in the public and private sectors. In particular, this concentration is a point of departure for careers in government (city, county, state or national), political campaigns, law, policy analysis, and public opinion research.

IMPORTANT:

This checklist is not intended to replace advising from the department. Consult with the appropriate advisor for course selection and sequencing, POSC and GE 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/index.html.

I. REQUIRED CORE COURSES (2 courses = 6 units)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES (POSC 100 WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER):

GRADE
____ POSC 100: Introduction to American Government (3) GE D2 ____ POSC 300: Scope and Methods of Political Science (3)

II. CONCENTRATION: LAW, POLITICS, AND POLICY (6 courses = 18 units)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING LOWER DIVISION COURSE WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER (3 UNITS TOTAL):

GRADE
____ POSC 212: How Democratic is the United States? (3) **GE D3**

COMPLETE 12 UNITS FROM THE FOLLOWING UPPER DIVISION COURSES (MAY INCLUDE A PRACTICUM):

GRADE	POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)	GRADE	POSC 329: Cases in Public Policy Making (3)
____	POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3) <u>GE D3</u>	____	POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3) <u>GE D3 or D-UD</u>
____	POSC 314: Environmental Law	____	POSC 414: Jurisprudence (3)
____	POSC 317: Queer Law	____	POSC 417: Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)*
____	POSC 321: The Media and American Politics (3) <u>GE D3 or D-UD</u>	____	POSC 418: Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)*
____	POSC 322: Parties, Campaigns, and Elections (3) <u>GE D3 or D-UD</u>	____	POSC 422: Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)
____	POSC 323: Racial and Ethnic Politics - U.S. (3) <u>GE D3 or D-UD, HD</u>	____	POSC 423: The American Presidency (3)
____	POSC 326: CA Government in Comparative Perspective (3)	____	POSC 424: The United States Congress (3)
____	POSC 327: Urban Politics (3)	____	POSC 430: Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)
____	POSC 328: Public Policy (3) <u>GE D3 or D-UD</u>	____	POSC 431: Public Policy Analysis (3)
		____	POSC 432: Public Values and Public Policy (3)
		____	POSC 447: Public Service Internship I (3)*
		____	POSC 448: Public Service Internship II (3)*

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENIOR SEMINAR COURSE (3 UNITS TOTAL):

GRADE
____ POSC 439: Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Policy (3)

General Education (GE) Area Requirements

A3: Critical Thinking

GI: Global Issues

***Practicum Course (POSC)**

D2: Constitution and American Ideals

HD: Human Diversity

D-UD: Upper division in Social Sciences

D3: Social Sciences and Citizenship

WI: Capstone- Writing Intensive

III. BREADTH (5 courses = 15 units)

COMPLETE 15 POSC UNITS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- *Must* include at least 3 units from *each* of the student's two non-concentration areas (i.e. at least 3 units under Global Politics and 3 units under Political Theory—courses listed below)
- *May* include a maximum of 3 units of lower division (100- and 200-level classes)
- *May* include a maximum of 6 additional units from the student's area of concentration (Law, Politics, and Policy courses listed above)
- *May* include general POSC courses (listed below)
- *May* include 3 units of the following ethnic studies courses: ASAM 319, ASAM 335, ASAM 350, AIS 313/WGSS 313, AIS 319, AIS 336, AIS 345, AIS 485, AFRS 330, AFRS 332, AFRS 354, AFRS 400, AFRS 454, AFRS 475, CHLS 350, CHLS 320, CHLS 362, CHLS 400, CHLS 430, CHLS 450
- *If* not completed in concentration, *must* include 3 units of practicum (see section IV)

Global Politics

GRADE

- ____ POSC 218: Global Politics (3) GE D3, GI
- ____ POSC 353: Government and Politics of Western Europe (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 358: Contemporary Latin American Politics (3)
- ____ POSC 362: Society and National Politics of China (3) GE, WI
- ____ POSC 367: Governments and Politics of the Middle East (3)
- ____ POSC 371: Introduction to International Politics (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 376: International Law (3)
- ____ **POSC 378: Politics and Practice of the UN (3)***
- ____ **POSC 450: Comparative Political Movements (3)*** GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 455: Comparative Revolutionary Change (3)
- ____ POSC 461: The Politics of Development (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC / I/ST 463: Nationalism and National Identities (3)
- ____ POSC 481: U.S. - Latin American Relations (3)
- ____ POSC 482: American Foreign Policy (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 485: International Political Economy (3)
- ____ POSC 486: National Security Policies (3)

Political Theory

GRADE

- ____ POSC 225: Issues in Political Theory (3) GE D3
- ____ POSC 301: Classical Political Theory (3) GE D3, D-UD
- ____ POSC 303: Modern Political Theory (3)
- ____ POSC 304: Recent Political Theory (3)
- ____ POSC 306: Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)
- ____ POSC 308: American Political Theory (3)
- ____ **POSC 401 / WGSS 402: Women in Political Theory (3)*** WI

General

GRADE

- ____ POSC 105: Introduction to Critical Thinking (3) GE A3
- ____ POSC 388: Cyberspace Citizenship (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 395: Politics through Culture (3) GE D3 or D-UD
- ____ POSC 493: Selected Topics in Political Science (3)
- ____ POSC 494: Politics of the Future (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI
- ____ POSC 496: Washington Center Internship
- ____ POSC 497: Selected Topics in Political Science (3)
- ____ POSC 498: Practicum in Politics (1-3)
- ____ POSC 499: Readings and Conference in Political Science (1-3)

Breadth Courses

GRADE

- ____ 1. Political Theory: _____
- ____ 2. Global: _____
- ____ 3. POSC (may include LPP) _____

GRADE

- ____ 4. POSC (may include LPP) _____
- ____ 5. POSC (not LPP) _or Ethnic Studies Course _____

IV. PRACTICUM

COMPLETE 3 UNITS OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES (May be taken in Concentration OR Breadth)

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. Practicum units are included in Concentration or Breadth total units above.

Simulation/activity courses

GRADE

- ____ POSC 378: Politics and Practice of the UN (3)
- ____ POSC 417: Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)

Service Learning courses

GRADE

- ____ POSC 401 / WGSS 402: Women in Political Theory (3)* WI
- ____ POSC 450: Comparative Political Movements (3) GE D3 or D-UD, GI

Internships courses

GRADE

- ____ POSC 418: Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)
- ____ POSC 447: Public Service Internship I (3)
- ____ POSC 448: Public Service Internship II (3)
- ____ POSC 496: Washington Center Internship (3)
- ____ POSC 498: Practicum in Politics (1-3)