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Department of Political Science

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POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.

Political Theory

Requirements as of Fall 2019
39 units required

Political Theory

This concentration explores concepts such as democracy, liberty, economic class, revolution, race/ethnicity, and gender/sexuality. Students critically analyze how the structure of government, genealogy of language, and hegemony of established institutions shape relationships between powerful and marginalized groups. Students with a theory or philosophy background consistently have the highest scores on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) compared to other students, and they also tend to do better in law school. This is because political theory courses require careful reading of complex texts, analysis of the logic of alternative positions, and clear and persuasive written argumentation. Political theory also traditionally has been considered foundational to a career in politics. In addition, it is a point of departure for careers in humanitarian advocacy, non-profits, activism, think tanks, editorial work, and journalism.

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: POLITICAL THEORY (6 courses = 18 units)

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

GRADE
____ POSC 225: Issues in Political Theory (3) GE D3

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

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

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

GRADE
____ POSC 409: Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)

General Education (GE) Area Requirements

A3: Critical Thinking
F: Capstone
HD: Human Diversity

D1b: Constitution and American Ideals
F-WI: Capstone- Writing Intensive
***Practicum Course (POSC)**

D3: Social Sciences and Citizenship
GI: Global Issues

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 Law, Politics, and Policy and 3 units under Global Politics—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 (Political Theory 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)

Law, Politics, and Policy

GRADE

- ___ POSC 212: How Democratic is the United States? (3) GE D3
- ___ POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)
- ___ POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3) GE D3
- ___ POSC 314: Environmental Law
- ___ POSC 317: Queer Law
- ___ POSC 321: The Media and American Politics (3) GE D3 or D-UD
- ___ POSC 322: Parties, Campaigns, and Elections (3) GE D3 or D-UD
- ___ POSC 323: Racial and Ethnic Politics - U.S. (3) GE D3 or D-UD, HD
- ___ POSC 326: CA Government in Comparative Perspective (3)
- ___ POSC 327: Urban Politics (3)
- ___ POSC 328: Public Policy (3) GE D3 or D-UD
- ___ POSC 329: Cases in Public Policy Making (3)

- ___ POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3) GE D3 or D-UD
- ___ POSC 414: Jurisprudence (3)
- ___ **POSC 417: Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)***
- ___ **POSC 418: Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)***
- ___ POSC 422: Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)
- ___ POSC 423: The American Presidency (3)
- ___ POSC 424: The United States Congress (3)
- ___ POSC 430: Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)
- ___ 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)***

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)

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. Global Politics: _____
- ___ 2. Law, Politics, and Policy: _____
- ___ 3. POSC (may include Theory) _____

GRADE

- ___ 4. POSC (may include Theory) _____
- ___ 5. POSC (not Theory)_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)