Political Science—Public Service, Bachelor of Arts

College of Letters & Science

The Political Science Major Program

Political science is the study of politics and political systems at the local, national, and international levels. It concerns not only the institutions of government but also the analysis of such phenomena as political behavior, political values, political change and stability, parties, pressure groups, bureaucracies, administrative behavior, justice, national security, and international affairs.

The Program

The Department of Political Science offers three majors: International Relations (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/political-science/international-relations-ab/), Political Science (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/political-science/political-science-ab/), and Political Science—Public Service (p. 1).

• The International Relations major explores problems of security, development, ethnic conflict, human rights, health, and the environment at a global level.
• The Political Science major aims to provide the student with a broad understanding of political concepts, political institutions, political behavior, and political processes.
• The Political Science—Public Service major is for students who desire opportunities for practical hands-on experience in their major. It differs in particular from the political science major in its internship requirement and its focus on the American political system.

Major Advisors

Contact the Department of Political Science (https://ps.ucdavis.edu/).

Internships & Career Alternatives

Both the proximity of UC Davis to the state capitol and the programs offered by the UC Washington Center afford exceptional internship possibilities in local, state, and national government offices, providing students with actual experience in politics and government service while still attending school. A student who majors in political science acquires research and analytic skills relevant to many professional fields. Consequently, the majors offered in political science are valuable not only in providing students with a better understanding of politics and political systems, but also as a first step toward careers in teaching, law, management, government, urban planning, journalism, politics, administration, or for graduate studies in numerous fields.

American History & Institutions

This University requirement may be satisfied by passing any one of the following Political Science (POL) courses: ¹

Graduate Study

The Department of Political Science offers a program of graduate study and research leading to a Ph.D. degree or an M.A./J.D. joint degree. The M.A./J.D. joint degree is done only in conjunction with UC Davis School of Law. Information concerning admission to these programs and requirements for completion are available in the Graduate Program Coordinator’s office.

Graduate Advisor

Contact the Department of Political Science (https://ps.ucdavis.edu/).

Code | Title | Units
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POL 001 | American National Government | 4
POL 005 | Contemporary Problems of the American Political System | 4
POL 100 | Local Government & Politics | 4
POL 102 | Urban Public Policy | 4

¹ See also under American History & Institutions requirements (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate-education/).

Graduate Program Subtotal | 24

Depth Subject Matter

Choose three:

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POL 113  American Political Thought
POL 114  Quantitative Analysis of Political Data
POL 180  Bureaucracy in Modern Society

**Internship**

Choose one:

- POL 192A  Internship in Public Affairs
- POL 192B  Internship in Public Affairs
- WAS 192  Internship in the UC Davis Washington Program

**Research Paper**

WAS 193/POL 193W  Washington Center Research Seminar 2-4
or POL 193  Research in Practical Politics

**Fields of Concentration**

Select six upper division courses from two or three fields of concentration listed below with at least two courses in each field selected; at least 16 of the units must be in Political Science; No overlap between Core Program courses and Fields of Concentration allowed.

Field (1) Policy Process

- POL 100  Local Government & Politics
- POL 102  Urban Public Policy
- POL 104  California State Government & Politics
- POL 105  The Legislative Process
- POL 106  The Presidency
- POL 108  Policy Making in the Public Sector
- POL 109  Public Policy & the Governmental Process
- POL 140A  Comparative Political Institutions: Electoral Systems
- POL 160  American Political Parties
- POL 162  Elections & Voting Behavior
- POL 163  Group Politics
- POL 164  Public Opinion
- POL 165  Mass Media & Politics
- POL 166  Women in Politics
- POL 168  Chicano Politics
- POL 170  Political Psychology
- POL 171  The Politics of Energy
- POL 172  American Political Development
- POL 174  Government & the Economy

Field (2) Policy Interpretation (Public/Pre-Law)

- POL 119  Contemporary Political Thought
- POL 150  Judicial Politics & Constitutional Interpretation
- POL 151  Constitutional Politics of the First Amendment & the Right to Privacy.
- POL 152  The Constitutional Politics of the Equality
- POL 153  The Constitutional Politics of the Justice System
- POL 155  Judicial Process & Behavior

Field (3) State & Local Policy

- POL 100  Local Government & Politics
- POL 102  Urban Public Policy
- POL 104  California State Government & Politics
- ESP 173  Land Use & Growth Controls
- SOC 143A  Urban Society

Field (4) Foreign Policy

- POL 122  International Law
- POL 130  Recent U.S. Foreign Policy
- POL 131  Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy
- POL 132  National Security Policy
- POL 134  Africa & U.S. Foreign Policy
- POL 139  Special Studies in Foreign Policy

Field (5) Environmental Policy

- POL 107  Environmental Politics & Administration
- ESP 160  The Policy Process
- ESP 161  Environmental Law
- ESP 162  Environmental Policy
- ESP 166  Ocean & Coastal Policy
- ESP 168A  Methods of Environmental Policy Analysis
- ESP 168B  Methods of Environmental Policy Evaluation
- ESP 169  Water Policy & Politics
- ESP 171  Urban & Regional Planning
- ESP 172  Public Lands Management
- ESP 173  Land Use & Growth Controls
- ESP 179  Environmental Impact Assessment

**Depth Subject Matter Subtotal**

24 units

**Total Units**

68-70
### Field (6) Economic Policy

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