

Political Science

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Major Requirements

For freshmen admitted to UC Berkeley in fall 2008 and onward, and junior transfers admitted to Berkeley fall 2009 and onward, the Political Science Major is now comprised of two introductory courses (from Political Science 1, 2, 4, 5), Political Science 3; eight upper division political science courses; and one history course for a total of 12 courses (48 units). Within the major, students are required to take at least one course (lower or upper division) in each of the five primary subfields—American Politics, Comparative Politics, Empirical Theory and Quantitative Methods, Political Theory, International Relations—and must also specialize in one subfield by completing the introductory course and two upper division courses in that subfield. Completion of any two of the introductory courses PS 1, 2, 4, or 5 is required to declare the major.

For freshmen who entered Berkeley prior to fall 2008, and junior transfers admitted prior to fall 2009, please consult the Political Science undergraduate advisers for your respective requirements.

Advanced placement credit does not satisfy any major prerequisites, but students scoring four or five on the American Government Advanced Placement Exam may substitute an upper division American politics course for Political Science 1, before or after declaring the major.

This course, however, may not also be used to fulfill an upper division requirement.

A list of approved history courses, specific requirement information, and detailed course descriptions are available on the undergraduate program section of the department's website (<http://polisci.berkeley.edu/undergrad>) .

All major requirements must be taken on a letter-grade basis.

To declare the major, students must have completed the minimum eligibility (see above), and must attend a declaration-orientation session. The session schedule is posted on the undergraduate program section of the department website (<http://polisci.berkeley.edu/undergrad>) . (<http://polisci.berkeley.edu>) Declarations must be done in person. Transfer students may go to the website (<http://assist.org>) assist.org for a list of California community college courses that satisfy University and major requirements.

Honors Program

Declared political science majors with a 3.5 GPA in the major and a 3.3 GPA overall, who have senior standing and who have completed Political Science 3 and at least two letter-graded upper division political science courses at Berkeley are eligible to apply for the honors program. The honors program consists of a two-semester seminar, H190A and H190B (offered in fall/spring only), and culminates in the writing of an honors thesis. Students must also obtain the sponsorship of a member of the faculty who will guide the research. Applications can be made only online

(<http://polisci.berkeley.edu/undergrad/opportunities/honors>) ; please refer to the undergraduate program section of the website. Departmental honors are awarded upon completion of the honors seminar with a grade of B+ or better, a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the major, and a 3.3 in overall work at Berkeley.

Additional Information

Please consult the undergraduate advisers in 296 Barrows Hall and/or refer to the undergraduate program section of the department's website (<http://polisci.berkeley.edu/undergrad>) .

Graduate Program

Information about the graduate program may be obtained from our website (<http://polisci.berkeley.edu/grad>) .

POL SCI 1 Introduction to American Politics 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 or 2 hours of discussion per week.

An introductory analysis of the structure and operations of the American political system, primarily at the national level.

Satisfies the American Institutions requirement

POL SCI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week. 8 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

This course deals with the basic problems and processes that all political systems face and examines their particular expression in Western, Communist, and Third World settings.

POL SCI 3 Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 to 2 hours of discussion per week. 9 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

Analytical and methodological problems of political inquiry, with an emphasis on quantification and measurement.

POL SCI 4 Introduction to Political Theory 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of lecture and 1 or 2 hours of discussion per week. 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 or 5 hours of discussion per week for 6 weeks.

An approach to the understanding of politics through the perspectives and language of the political theorist.

POL SCI 5 Introduction to International Relations 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 3 hours of Lecture and 1 to 2 hour of Discussion per week for 15 weeks. 6 hours of Lecture and 1.5 to 2.5 hours of Discussion per week for 8 weeks.

This course is designed to introduce students to the major theoretical approaches to international politics, to explore important historical and contemporary questions and debates in international affairs, and to teach students to think critically about international relations. It is a prerequisite for most upper division international relations courses in Political Science.

POL SCI 18AC Race, Culture, and Politics in the Golden State 4 Units

Department: Political Science

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 6 hours of Lecture per week for 6 weeks.

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

This course will study the historical processes of racial formation and transformation in California. Students will develop an understanding of