

Political Economy

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Political Economy (PE) examines the relationship between politics and economics in modern societies and focuses on problems of both domestic and international policy. Based on the assumption that political-economic relationships are affected by any number of factors, such as society, culture, geography, and demographics, the curriculum is both multi and interdisciplinary in scope. The focus of the major is on contemporary issues, although a strong historical perspective is also emphasized. Students may also study planning and problem solving, environmental issues, resource distribution, and the challenges of institutional adaptation, and changing political systems.

The major is designed to provide a broad-based liberal arts background as well as the intellectual skills appropriate for careers in either the public or private sector. Additionally, the major offers an excellent background for students planning postgraduate careers in social science disciplines or attending professional schools.

Some of the questions that the major addresses include the following:

- The tension between rising consumer demand and the need to minimize resource depletion and pollution.
- The different priorities served by capitalist, socialist, and other varieties of political economy.
- The different priorities served by democratic, authoritarian, and other political systems.
- How international interdependence may undermine the efforts of national governments to cope with unemployment, inflation, trade and payment deficits, health, housing, and welfare problems, and other socioeconomic issues.
- The importance of organizational structures for policy-making in both the public and private sectors.

Declaring the Major

All students who declare Political Economy must meet the eligibility requirements listed below:

1. Must have a cumulative UC Berkeley grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher.
2. Must have completed IAS 45 with a grade of B- or higher on the first attempt. Students who repeat IAS 45 in order to achieve a grade of B- or higher will not be eligible to declare the Political Economy major.
3. Must have completed ECON 1, ECON 2, or ECON C3 (also cross-listed as ENVECON C1) with a grade of C or better (may be repeated only once to achieve a grade of C or better), completed the equivalent at another college, or received AP scores of 4 or better or IB score of 5 or better on both the microeconomics and macroeconomics exams (DARS report showing AP or IB scores required).
4. Must not be in their final semester of undergraduate work.
5. Are encouraged—but not required—to have completed at least two semesters of college-level foreign language or the equivalent.
6. Attend a major declaration workshop.
7. Meet with an adviser to submit the PE Application materials.

For further information regarding the eligibility requirements, please contact a program adviser.

Honors Program

To graduate with honors from the group major in PE, students must enroll in the two-semester honors seminar, IAS H102 (fall only) and POLECON H195 (spring only) and must obtain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 in the major and 3.5 in overall University coursework. The honors seminar (POLECON H195) is taken in addition to a student's regular course work for fulfilling requirements for the major and culminates in the writing of a senior thesis. To qualify for POLECON H195, students must be recommended by the IAS H102 instructor. The thesis is read by the POLECON H195 instructor and at least one other faculty member who is selected by the student in consultation with the thesis instructor. Eligibility for participating in the honors program is determined by the IAS office.

There is no guarantee that students accepted into the honors program will graduate with honors. Honors recommendations are made after graduation and are based on a number of factors including (but not limited to) major GPA, grades received for IAS H102 and POLECON H195, and faculty adviser recommendations.

Minor Program

Political Economy (PE) offers a five-course minor that is open to all undergraduates except PE majors. Applications for the minor and a list of approved concentration courses, in addition to POLECON 100 and POLECON 101, are available from the IAS Office. To apply for the minor, students must have completed one course in the minor with a grade of B or better and must have an overall GPA of 2.0. The completed PE minor application and a "Completion of L&S Minor" form must be submitted to the IAS Office at 101 Stephens Hall no later than the last day of instruction of the semester immediately preceding the student's final semester. The "Completion of L&S Minor" form can be found on the L&S website here (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/00minor.pdf>). (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/00minor.pdf>)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

Repeat Rule

Students who earn a grade of F, D-, D, D+ or NP may repeat the course only once. Regardless of the grade the student receives for their second attempt (including F, D-, D or D+), the student may **not** repeat the course a third time.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed that are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted, as applicable.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used simultaneously to fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Summary of Major Requirements

Lower Division Requirements: Three courses

Language Requirement: Proficiency equivalent to four college-level semesters

Upper Division Requirements: Nine courses

Lower Division Requirements

IAS 45	Survey of World History ¹	4
Select one of the following:		4
ECON 1	Introduction to Economics ²	
ECON 2	Introduction to Economics--Lecture Format ²	
ECON C3	Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy ²	
Select one of the following:		4
STAT 2	Introduction to Statistics	
STAT C8	Foundations of Data Science	
STAT 20	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	
STAT 21	Introductory Probability and Statistics for Business	

Foreign Language Requirement

Political Economy (PE) majors must demonstrate proficiency in a modern language other than English by the last semester of their senior year. Proficiency is equivalent to the ability achieved in four college-level semesters (or two years). Language courses taken in high school do not satisfy this requirement. See below for details on how to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Languages accepted by the College of Letters & Science are not automatically accepted by the Political Economy program. Please check with a PE adviser for eligible languages.

There are a variety of ways to fulfill the four-semester language requirement for PE depending on the individual and his or her background and ability.

- 1. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB)**
test: An AP score of 5 or an International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 7 will complete this requirement. An AP score of 4 will place a student into the fourth-semester college level course. A score of 3 will place a student into the third-semester college level course. Documentation of AP scores must be provided.
- 2. Coursework:** Any combination of college courses, summer programs, or college-level study abroad programs may satisfy the language requirement. At a minimum, students must complete the fourth semester (i.e., the second semester of intermediate level) of a language with a grade of C- or better in order to fulfill the requirement. The first, second, and third-level courses may be taken on a *Pass/No Pass* basis. Language courses need not be taken at Berkeley. Courses taken at a community college or any accredited school or university may be acceptable. Transcripts must be submitted and evaluated by a PE adviser. A one-semester upper division course taken abroad in the target language may satisfy the foreign language requirement, depending on the school and program followed. For more information, see a PE adviser concerning language study abroad.

- 3. Proficiency exam:** Some, but not all, language departments on campus offer proficiency testing for students with advanced skills in that language. Please note that if a particular language is not taught on the UC Berkeley campus, then students are not able to test in that language. A student would then need to choose one of the other methods for fulfilling the foreign language requirement. Please speak with a PE adviser about proficiency testing.
- 4. High school completion in a non-English language:** Students who were educated in a non-English language through the completion of high school or the equivalent may wish to satisfy this requirement with that experience. This requires a language proficiency exam.

Upper Division Requirements

POLECON 100	Classical Theories of Political Economy ³	4
POLECON 101	Contemporary Theories of Political Economy ⁴	4
Intermediate Microeconomics		4

Select one of the following:

ECON 100A	Economic Analysis--Micro	
ECON 101A	Economic Theory--Micro	
ENVECON 100	Microeconomic Theory with Application to Natural Resources	
IAS 106	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	
UGBA 101A	Microeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions	

Intermediate Macroeconomics 4

Select one of the following:

ECON 100B	Economic Analysis--Macro	
ECON 101B	Economic Theory--Macro	
IAS 107	Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	
UGBA 101B	Macroeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions	

Historical Context 3-4

Select one of the following:

ECON 113	American Economic History	
ECON 115	The World Economy in the Twentieth Century	
HISTORY 124A	The Recent United States: The United States from the Late 19th Century to the Eve of World War II	
HISTORY 124B	The Recent United States: The United States from World War II	
HISTORY 125E	History of African-Americans and Race Relations in the United States: Soul Power: African American History 1861-1980	
HISTORY 131B	Social History of the United States: Creating Modern American Society: From the End of the Civil War to the Global Age	
HISTORY 158C	Modern Europe: Old and New Europe, 1914-Present	
HISTORY 160	The International Economy of the 20th Century	
HISTORY 162E	War and Peace: International Relations since 1914	
POLECON 160	Political Economy in Historical Context	
POL SCI 122A	Politics of European Integration	
UGBA C172	History of American Business	

Concentration

The concentration is made up of four upper division courses (no more than two may be taken from the same department). See the Concentration section below for more guidance.

- ¹ You must earn a B- or better to declare. This course may not be repeated to achieve a grade of B- or better.
- ² You must earn a C or better to declare. This course can only be repeated once.
- ³ POLECON 100 must be taken before POLECON 101.
- ⁴ Prerequisite: POLECON 100.

Concentration

The concentration is made up of four courses. Within the concentration, only two courses may be taken from the same department. Up to three courses taken abroad may count, provided they conform to the concentration topic; a syllabus in English must be provided.

The PE concentration is the theoretical focal point in the major. It is meant to give students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of political economy around an area of particular interest to them. The concentration is perhaps the greatest benefit of the Political Economy major because it allows students to apply the theoretical and methodological knowledge they have gained to a topic about which they feel particularly drawn or curious. Students spend four courses focusing on this material, so it is important for students to be thoughtful and develop a topic about which they enjoy learning.

To get started on the concentration, students should think about an existing or potential issue or question in political economy. Then they should choose four courses that will inform or increase their understanding about that issue. These courses should all relate to the topic as well as to one another. Students are encouraged to be imaginative in defining a concentration. A concentration issue is formulated by the student with the assistance of a PE adviser who can help to explain, clarify, or perhaps challenge that issue. Students having a difficult time formulating a concentration should think about the classes they have taken which they enjoyed the most and consider what topics they learned about in those courses. Also, topics covered in IAS 45, POLECON 100, and POLECON 101 are a good place to start.

Some sample concentration topics include, but most certainly are not limited to:

- Public Policy and Socioeconomic Inequality in the US
- Political Economy of China
- Environmental Policy in Post-Industrial Societies
- Resource Distribution and Development

Departments and disciplines to consider when searching for concentration courses: IAS (which includes courses in AS, DS, IAS, LAS, MES, PACS, and PE) has many course offerings which could fit a variety of concentrations, so students should start within IAS when searching for concentration courses.

In addition to courses offered by IAS, students might consider looking in the following departments or disciplines for classes relevant to their concentration topic: Political Science; Economics; Sociology; Geography; History; Public Policy; Environmental Economics and Policy; Public Health; Gender and Women's Studies; Legal Studies; Global Studies, Environmental Science, Policy, and Management; and City and Regional Planning. Courses from these departments and disciplines are not guaranteed approval for a concentration, nor are students limited to the above list; this is just a good starting point.

To have a concentration approved, students must submit a two-paragraph description of the particular issue they would like to study.

Students must also submit a list of their four proposed courses along with a brief explanation (one to two sentences each) of how each course relates to their proposed concentration. Please use the form provided online (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu/pe>). Concentration proposals must be submitted in person to a PE adviser along with the complete PE application. Students may be asked to provide syllabi for certain courses.

Please note that if an adviser determines a concentration proposal needs to be developed further, it will not be submitted for review by the IAS Faculty Committee until revisions have been made. For this reason, it is best not to delay speaking with a PE adviser about concentration topic ideas. Concentration proposals are reviewed by the IAS Faculty Committee and students are notified by email if their concentration has been accepted or is being returned for revisions.

Any subsequent changes to already approved concentration topics and/or courses must be submitted to a PE adviser for review and approval by the IAS Faculty Committee prior to altering the concentration.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. Students who cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

To be eligible to declare the minor, students must:

- Have completed at least one course for the minor at UCB with a grade of B or better, *or* have completed at least two courses for the minor (not necessarily at UCB) with a minimum GPA of 2.0, and
- Not be in their final semester of undergraduate work.

A complete PE minor application consists of:

1. Minor Application Form and Program Worksheet (attached).
2. A current CalCentral unofficial transcript with your name printed on it. Please highlight any courses that apply to the minor. Also, indicate which course (if any) will overlap between the minor and your major.
3. Copies of transcripts from other colleges attended (*if course work taken there will be counted for the minor*). Electronic transcripts are accepted only if the relevant coursework also appears in your

Transfer Credit Summary in CalCentral. If it does not appear on CalCentral, we require **official transcripts**. (We do not have access to transcripts in the Registrar's Office.)

4. The "Completion of L&S Minor (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionoflmsminor.pdf>)" signed by the student and the major adviser.

Requirements for the Minor

Five Required Upper Division Courses, Including:

POLECON 100	Classical Theories of Political Economy	4
POLECON 101	Contemporary Theories of Political Economy	4

Three courses related to one of the three topics given below, with a statement explaining your course selection:

1. Globalization
2. Poverty, Inequality, and Policy
3. Science, Technology, and Economic Development

The course list for the Political Economy minor is available on the IAS website (<http://live-international-area-studies-academic-program.pantheon.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/PE-Minor-Course-List-9.19.16.pdf>).

Important regulations governing the PE minor:

1. No more than two courses may be taken from the same department.
2. All courses counting for the minor must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three courses must be taken at UC Berkeley.
4. All transfer courses must be approved by an adviser.
5. PE 197, 198, and 199 cannot be used to fulfill minor requirements.
6. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be achieved in all course work used to satisfy the minor requirements.
7. Only ONE course may count for both a major and a minor.

To declare the minor: Students must meet with an IAS adviser to review the application materials. Bring the completed application (found on the IAS website:<http://iastp.berkeley.edu/>) and supporting documents to the IAS Office in 101 Stephens Hall and sign up to see an adviser. Confirmation of your admission will be sent within fifteen working days of submitting your complete application. Once admitted, any changes to the program must be approved by an IAS adviser in advance.

Undergraduate students in the College of Letters & Science must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please review the College of Letters & Sciences (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science>) page in this Guide.

Entry Level Writing (<http://writing.berkeley.edu/node/78>)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a

prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/american-history-institutions-requirement>)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

American Cultures (<http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/students/courses>)

American Cultures is the one requirement that all undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete a first-level reading and composition course by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units, including at least 60 L&S units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units

- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding EAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Political Economy major requirements before making a program plan. For more detailed information regarding the courses listed below (e.g., elective information, GPA requirements, etc.), see the College Requirements and Major Requirements tabs.

First Year			
Fall	Units	Spring	Units
STAT 2, 20, or 21	4	ECON 1, 2, or 3 (Social and Behavioral Sciences Breadth)	4
Reading & Composition A	4	Reading & Composition B	4
Language 1 of 4	5	Language 2 of 4	5
L&S Breadth	3	L&S Breadth	3
	16		16

Second Year			
Fall	Units	Spring	Units
IAS 45	4	IAS 106 (Upper Division Micro Economics)	4
IAS 107 (Upper Division Macro Economics)	4	L&S Breadth	3
Language 3 of 4 (International Studies Breadth)	5	American Cultures Requirement	4
Lower Division Elective	3	Language 4 of 4	5
	16		16
Third Year			
Fall	Units	Spring	Units
POLECON 100	4	POLECON 101	4
L&S Breadth	4	Upper Division Historical Context	4
Upper Division Elective: Outside Major Department	3	L&S Breadth	3
Upper Division Elective: Outside Major Department	3	Lower or Upper Division Elective	4
	14		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Units	Spring	Units
Concentration 1 of 4	4	Concentration 3 of 4	4
Concentration 2 of 4	4	Concentration 4 of 4	4
Lower or Upper Division Elective	4	Lower or Upper Division Elective	3
Lower or Upper Division Elective	3	Lower or Upper Division Elective	3
	15		14
Total Units: 122			

Notes

- This is a sample program plan. This plan assumes that the student has completed the Entry Level Writing, American History and Institutions, Quantitative Reasoning, and Foreign Language requirements prior to admission.
- Students are strongly advised to work with an academic adviser to determine a personal program plan. Your program plan will differ depending on previous credit received, your course schedule, and available offerings.
- Same comment about foreign language.
- Students could also do HONORS program in last year, provided they take electives or concentration classes in the summer OR take more units than indicated in the first six semesters.

Accelerated Program Plans

For students considering graduating in less than four years, it's important to acknowledge the reasons to undertake such a plan of study. While there are advantages to pursuing a three-year degree plan such as reducing financial burdens, they are not for everyone and do involve sacrifices; especially with respect to participating in co-curricular

activities, depth of study, and summer internships, which typically lead to jobs upon graduation. All things considered, please see the tables for three and three and a half year degree options.

3.5 and 3 Year Plans (http://iastp.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/misc_files/UCB_Pathways_Political%20Economy-ES%2011.16.15.pdf)

Learning Goals for the Major

1. Interdisciplinary Training in the Social Sciences
 - Develop a working knowledge of the approaches to understanding modern societies found in the classical social theory tradition from Machiavelli and Hobbes to Keynes and Polanyi.
 - Develop a working knowledge of the core concepts of modern political economy approaches since Keynes and Polanyi.
 - Understand the analytical tools of each of the relevant social science disciplines.
2. Analysis of Political Economy Theory and Practice
 - Build specific expertise in that particular area of modern political economy studied by the student's individual concentration.
 - Understand and analyze the impact on their concentration area of modern global economic, political, and civil society conditions.
 - Understand the processes of historical development that have led their particular concentration area to its current civilization.
3. Historical Knowledge
 - Be able to use the history of the North Atlantic region since the industrial revolution as a set of benchmarks, contrasts, and yardsticks useful for analyzing and understanding modern political economy issues.
 - Understand the historical process that has created our modern global economy, polity, and civil society.

Skills

1. Language Skills
 - Acquire competency in a foreign language.
 - Participate in the education abroad program, if possible.
2. Demonstrate Research, Critical Reading, and Writing Skills
 - Formulate well-organized arguments supported by proper use of social-science disciplinary tools; of historical and comparative contrasts and models; of top-down systemic and bottom-up individual analytical perspectives; and of aggregate statistical and individual case-study evidence.
 - Write clearly and effectively.
 - Apply appropriate quantitative analytical skills.

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POLECON 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Freshman Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 24

Freshman Seminar: Read Less [-]

POLECON 45 Survey of World History 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on the history of global interaction, with a particular emphasis on the relationships between states and societies. Though it begins with a brief exploration of antiquity, it emphasizes world developments since the 15th century. The purpose of the course is to gain a better understanding of the rise and decline of states, empires, and international trading systems. Taking a panoramic view of the last 500 years, it explores the ways in which disparate places came closer together, even while it seeks to explain how those places maintained their own trajectories in the face of outside intervention.

Survey of World History: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for POLECON 45 after taking IAS 45 or GLOBAL 45.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Survey of World History: Read Less [-]

POLECON 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 84

Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

POLECON 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Student-directed course under the supervision of a faculty member.

Subject matter to change from semester to semester.

Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 98

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

POLECON 100 Classical Theories of Political Economy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

One-semester lecture course offered each semester. In-depth analysis of the classical political economy literature, including such authors as Locke, Smith, Marx, Mills, and Weber to Veblen and Polanyi. Strong emphasis is placed on providing appropriate background for understanding the evolution of the literature that has emanated from the various social science disciplines which forms the basis of modern political economy. Classical Theories of Political Economy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Passing POLECON 100 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON N100. Passing POLECON 100 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON N100.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Classical Theories of Political Economy: Read Less [-]

POLECON N100 Classical Theories of Political Economy 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session

In-depth analysis of the classical political economy literature, including such authors as Locke, Smith, Marx, Mills, and Weber to Veblen and Polanyi. Strong emphasis is placed on providing appropriate background for understanding the evolution of the literature that has emanated from the various social science disciplines which forms the basis of modern political economy.

Classical Theories of Political Economy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Passing POLECON N100 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON 100. Passing POLECON N100 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON 100.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 10.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Classical Theories of Political Economy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON 101 Contemporary Theories of Political Economy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

This course is designed to introduce students to modern theoretical works of central intellectual debates on 20th century international political economy. The course explores alternative explanations for inequality in economic development among nations and economic declines of the dominant powers. It will also examine tensions between the increasing "globalization" of that economy and continued fragmentation of the international political system in nation-states.

Contemporary Theories of Political Economy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100, Political Economy of Industrial Societies 100 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Passing POLECON 101 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON N101. Passing POLECON 101 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON N101.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Contemporary Theories of Political Economy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON N101 Contemporary Theories of Political Economy 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session

This course is designed to introduce students to modern theoretical works of central intellectual debates on 20th century international political economy. The course explores alternative explanations for inequality in economic development among nations and economic declines of the dominate powers. It will also examine tensions between the increasing "globalization" of that economy and continued fragmentation of the international political system in nation-states.

Contemporary Theories of Political Economy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Political Economy 100, N100 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit under special circumstances: Passing POLECON N101 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON 101. Passing POLECON N101 may replace a deficient grade in POLECON 101.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Contemporary Theories of Political Economy: Read Less [-]

POLECON 107 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed as a comprehensive overview of intermediate macroeconomic theory focusing on economic growth and international economics. It covers a number of topics including history of economic growth, industrial revolution, post-industrial revolution divergence, flexible-price and sticky-price macroeconomics, and macroeconomic policy. Course is structured for majors in Political Economy and other non-economic social science majors.

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Economics 1 or equivalent

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for POLECON 107 after taking Economics 100B, 101B, Business Administration 101B or IAS 107.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory: Read Less [-]

POLECON 111 Poverty and Social Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

This course investigates the nature, extent, and persistence of poverty and inequality, and examines the effects of program and policy responses. Throughout the course we will look at proposed explanations for the causes of poverty and will observe how underlying values and assumptions have influenced the development of policies aimed at poverty alleviation. While emphasizing poverty and policy responses in the United States, we will examine poverty and related policies in other countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as points of comparison.

Poverty and Social Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Poverty and Social Policy: Read Less [-]

POLECON 130 Cross-Listed Topics 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed to accommodate cross-listed courses offered through other departments, the content of which is applicable to PE majors. Content and unit values vary from course to course.

Cross-Listed Topics: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 130

Cross-Listed Topics: Read Less [-]

POLECON 133 Junior Seminar in Political Economy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014

These small research and writing seminars will focus on the research area of the faculty member teaching the course and will provide students the opportunity to engage in conversation, research, and writing in greater depth than is possible in a larger class.

Junior Seminar in Political Economy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Junior Standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Junior Seminar in Political Economy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON C138 Gender and Capitalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

The 21st century has seen powerful critiques of both growing economic inequality and the troubling persistence of domination based on gender, race and other categorical differences. Gender has a distinctive role here for many reasons: the centrality of gender to social reproduction; the historical coproduction of male domination and capitalism; and the way gender operates in the constitution of selves. Insofar as capitalism is organized and distributes power and profits through gendered structures, and gendered meanings and identities are shaped by their emergence within capitalist logics, it behooves us to think gender and capitalism in tandem. Figuring out how to do that, and sorting out the consequences, is our project in this class.

Gender and Capitalism: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: GWS C138

Gender and Capitalism: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON 140 Special Topics 2 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

A short course designed to provide a vehicle to take advantage of short-term visitors coming to campus who have considerable expertise in areas of interest to political economy of industrial societies. Topics will vary from semester to semester.

Special Topics: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 140

Special Topics: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON 150 Advanced Study in Political Economy of Industrial Societies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Advanced multidisciplinary research in current issues of political economy and industrialization. Seminars will focus on specific geographical areas or topics with appropriate comparative material included. A major research project is required as well as class presentations. Topics change each semester.

Advanced Study in Political Economy of Industrial Societies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and background in political economy or related social sciences

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 150

Advanced Study in Political Economy of Industrial Societies: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

POLECON 155 Developments in Modern Political Economy 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on the relationship of politics and economics in modern societies. Special attention is given to problems and issues in social science or public policy best examined from an interdisciplinary perspective with an eye toward building students' knowledge of recently developed analytical tools in political economy.

Developments in Modern Political Economy: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100 and 101 or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 155

Developments in Modern Political Economy: [Read Less](#) [-]

POLECON 160 Political Economy in Historical Context 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

This course focuses specifically on the historical context and perspective of the relationship of politics and economics in modern societies. Students are guided through an interdisciplinary survey of the historical experience of peoples and places who have participated in the ongoing great transformation away from agricultural societies to the rise of the industrial state and onto post-industrialism. Each term provides a different perspective of this transformation.

Political Economy in Historical Context: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100 and 101, or Political Economy of Industrial Societies 100 and 101, or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 8 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 160

Political Economy in Historical Context: [Read Less](#) [-]

POLECON W160A Political Economy in Historical Context: The Twentieth Century: Economies, Societies, Politics, Technologies 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The world today is more different-in its economies, in its forms of political organization, in its sociological dynamics, and perhaps most of all in the technologies we use and abuse every day-than the world of 1870 was from the world of 1820, or indeed than the world of 1870 was from the world of 500 BC. We who live on this globe now are who we are because the history of the past century and a half has taken the form that it has. And that history is predominantly economic and technological. This course is web-based.

Political Economy in Historical Context: The Twentieth Century: Economies, Societies, Politics, Technologies: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Econ 1 or equivalent

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for W160A after taking 160A or Economics 115 or Political Economy of Industrial Societies 160A.

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 4 hours of web-based lecture and 3 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: DeLong

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies W160A

Political Economy in Historical Context: The Twentieth Century: Economies, Societies, Politics, Technologies: [Read Less](#) [-]

POLECON 192 Senior Thesis 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

This course is designed to provide a vehicle for undergraduate students interested in writing a major paper on a political economy topic. The paper should be approximately thirty pages in length; the topic should be agreed upon in advance by both the student and faculty sponsor.

Senior Thesis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing; consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 192

Senior Thesis: Read Less [-]

POLECON 194 Senior Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Interdisciplinary research seminar for Political Economy majors. Intensive writing on research questions in social science and public policy best approached from an interdisciplinary perspective. Course assumes intermediate to advanced knowledge of central focus or topic of course. Weekly discussions and critiques of readings and assignments. Final paper or project required. Topic must be approved by instructor. Topics vary from term to term.

Senior Seminar: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Senior Seminar: Read Less [-]

POLECON H195 Senior Honors Thesis Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Honors students are required to research and write a thesis based on the prospectus developed in International and Area Studies 102. The thesis work is reviewed by the honors instructor and a second reader to be selected based on the thesis topic. Weekly progress reports required. Senior Honors Thesis Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: International and Area Studies 102 and consent of instructor; senior standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies H195

Senior Honors Thesis Seminar: Read Less [-]

POLECON 196 Special Field Research 1 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Students to work in selected internship programs approved in advance by the faculty coordinator and for which written contracts have been established between the sponsoring organization and the student. Students will be expected to produce two progress reports for their faculty coordinator during the course of the internship, as well as produce a final paper for the course consisting of no fewer than 35 pages. Other restrictions apply; see faculty adviser.

Special Field Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 12 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-6 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1-6 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 196

Special Field Research: Read Less [-]

POLECON C196A UCDC Core Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

This course is the UCDC letter-graded core seminar for 4 units that complements the P/NP credited internship course UGIS C196B. Core seminars are designed to enhance the experience of and provide an intellectual framework for the student's internship. UCDC core seminars are taught in sections that cover various tracks such as the Congress, media, bureaucratic organizations and the Executive Branch, international relations, public policy and general un-themed original research.

UCDC Core Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196B (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: GWS C196A/HISTART C196A/HISTORY C196A/MEDIAST C196A/POL SCI C196A/SOCIOL C196A/UGIS C196A

UCDC Core Seminar: Read Less [-]

POLECON C196B UCDC Internship 6.5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

This course provides a credited internship for all students enrolled in the UCDC and Cal in the Capital Programs. It must be taken in conjunction with the required academic core course C196A. C196B requires that students work 3-4 days per week as interns in settings selected to provide them with exposure to and experience in government, public policy, international affairs, media, the arts or other areas or relevance to their major fields of study.

UCDC Internship: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196A (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 20 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: GWS C196B/HISTART C196B/HISTORY C196B/MEDIAST C196B/POL SCI C196B/SOCIOL C196B/UGIS C196B

UCDC Internship: Read Less [-]

POLECON C196W Special Field Research 10.5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Students work in selected internship programs approved in advance by the faculty coordinator and for which written contracts have been established between the sponsoring organization and the student.

Students will be expected to produce two progress reports for their faculty coordinator during the course of the internship, as well as a final paper for the course consisting of at least 35 pages. Other restrictions apply; see faculty adviser.

Special Field Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 12 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 25 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar and 60 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar and 50 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: 196W

Also listed as: GWS C196W/HISTART C196W/HISTORY C196W/MEDIAST C196W/POL SCI C196W/SOCIOL C196W/UGIS C196W

Special Field Research: Read Less [-]

POLECON 197 Field Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Fall 2015, Spring 2012
Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of Political Economy of Industrial Societies in off-campus organizations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Field Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 197

Field Studies: Read Less [-]

POLECON 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014

Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 198

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

POLECON 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Enrollment restricted by regulations of the college.

Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Written proposal must be approved by a faculty adviser

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

3 weeks - 5-20 hours of independent study per week

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Political Economy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Political Economy of Industrial Societies 199

Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates: Read Less [\[-\]](#)