

# California State University, Long Beach

## 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](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)\*WI**  
\_\_\_\_ 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)