

Political Science

The mission of the Political Science Department is to provide a personalized education of distinction that fosters students' intellectual and critical skills, and develops their capacities to apply the study of politics to the conditions of political life especially in the context of diversity and globalization. Through its courses and experiential learning opportunities, the Cal Lutheran Political Science department is unified by two broad themes: civic engagement and global citizenship. The Department is committed to the belief that one of the goals of education is to link scholarship, teaching and applied knowledge to the academic study of politics. In the spirit of this there is an Political Science experiential learning component in the form of an internship or study abroad required of Political Science majors. Students are offered opportunities to study abroad at Oxford and other notable programs, engage in community development and service projects, and intern at law firms and non-profit agencies in Washington, DC and throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

36 credits minimum, 20 credits upper division.

Select two of the following:		4
POLS 102	Theory and Practice of American Government	
POLS 207	Contemporary Issues in Public Policy	
POLS 200	Global Studies	
POLS 222	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 320	Scope and Methods of Political Science	4
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 321	Ancient Political Thought	
POLS 322	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 324	American Political Thought	
POLS 476	Capstone - Global Leaders and Leadership	4
POLS 485	Experiential Practicum,	1
Political Science Electives (at least 8 credits upper division)		15
Total Hours		32

International Relations Emphasis

32 credits minimum, 20 credits upper division.

Select one of the following:		4
POLS 102	Theory and Practice of American Government	
POLS 205	American National Government	
POLS 210	Multiculturalism, Race and Politics in The United States	
POLS 222	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 320	Scope and Methods of Political Science	4
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 321	Ancient Political Thought	
POLS 322	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 324	American Political Thought	
POLS 476	Capstone - Global Leaders and Leadership	4
Select two of the following:		8
POLS 341	European Government and Politics	
POLS 360	International Relations	
POLS 365	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 367	Comparative Politics	
POLS 461	International Law and Organization	
POLS 482	Selected Topics	
Select two of the following:		8
POLS 382	History and Politics of Latin America	
POLS 384	History and Politics of the Modern Middle East	

POLS 388	History and Politics of East Asia	
POLS 443	Government and Politics of Africa	
Total Hours		32

Law and Public Policy Emphasis

32 credits minimum, 20 credits upper division.

Select one of the following:		4
POLS 102	Theory and Practice of American Government	
POLS 205	American National Government	
POLS 210	Multiculturalism, Race and Politics in The United States	
POLS 222	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 320	Scope and Methods of Political Science	4
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 321	Ancient Political Thought	
POLS 322	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 324	American Political Thought	
POLS 476	Capstone - Global Leaders and Leadership	4
POLS 207	Contemporary Issues in Public Policy	4
Select two of the following:		8
POLS 210	Multiculturalism, Race and Politics in The United States	
POLS 303	Parties, Interest Groups and Public Opinion	
POLS 307	California Politics	
POLS 317	Politics of Community Development	
POLS 365	American Foreign Policy	
POLS 403	Public Administration and Public Policy	
POLS 412	Civil Rights Movement	
POLS 416	Social Movements and Politics of Global Change	
POLS 418	Women and Politics	
POLS 419	Internet and Politics	
POLS 427	American Political Institutions	
POLS 482	Selected Topics	
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 105	Introduction to Law and Legal Process	
POLS 401	American Constitutional Law	
POLS 404	Constitutional Law in Criminal Justice	
POLS 405	Freedom of Communication	
POLS 414	Environmental Law and Policy	
POLS 461	International Law and Organization	
POLS 481	Law and Society	
POLS 482	Selected Topics	
Total Hours		32

Minor in Political Science

20 credits minimum, 16 credits upper division.

Select one of the following:		4
POLS 102	Theory and Practice of American Government	
POLS 205	American National Government	
POLS 222	Introduction to Political Science	
Select one of the following:		4
POLS 321	Ancient Political Thought	
POLS 322	Modern Political Thought	

POLS 341	European Government and Politics	
Three Upper Division Political Science Courses		12
Total Hours		20