

2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**39 Units**

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult an advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:

- **POSC 100 and a 200-level POSC course** with grades of “C” or better and a minimum 2.5 overall and suite GPA
- Grades of “C” or better in GE Foundations

Courses**Prerequisites**

Complete the following course with a grade of “C” or better (3 units total):

POSC 100: Introduction to American Government (3)	
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Complete the following course (3 units total):

POSC 300: Scope and Methods of Political Science (3)	
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Complete **18 UNITS** in **ONE** of the following concentrations (18 units total):

- Concentration 1: Law, Politics, & Policy
- Concentration 2: Political Theory
- Concentration 3: Global Politics

Concentration 1: Law, Politics, & Policy

Complete the following lower division course with a grade of “C” or better (3 units total):

POSC 212: How Democratic is the United States? (3)	
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Law, Politics, & Policy Upper Division Courses - Complete 12 UNITS from the following courses (12 units total):

POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)	
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POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3)	
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POSC 314: Environmental Law (3)	
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POSC/WGSS 317: Queer Law (3)	
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POSC 321: The Media and American Politics (3)	
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POSC 322: Parties, Campaigns, and Elections (3)	
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POSC 323: Racial and Ethnic Politics - U.S. (3)	
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POSC 326: California Government in Comparative Perspective (3)	
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POSC 327: Urban Politics (3)	
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POSC 328: Public Policy (3)	
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POSC 329: Cases in Public Policy Making (3)	
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POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3)	
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POSC 414: Jurisprudence (3)	
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POSC 417: Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)	POSC 311 or 312; 412 or 414; Upper Division Standing
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POSC 418: Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)	Department Consent
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POSC 422: Public Opinion and Political Behavior (3)	
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POSC 423: The American Presidency (3)	
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POSC 424: The United States Congress (3)	
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POSC 430: Fundamentals of Public Administration (3)	
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POSC 431: Public Policy Analysis (3)	
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POSC 432: Public Values and Public Policy (3)	
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POSC 447: Public Service Internship I (3)	Department Consent
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POSC 448: Public Service Internship II (3)	Department Consent
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Complete the following Senior Seminar course (3 units total):

POSC 439: Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Policy (3)	
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9 Upper Division Units in Law, Politics, & Policy; Consent
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Concentration 2: Political Theory		
Complete the following lower division course with a grade of “C” or better (3 units total):		
	POSC 225: Issues in Political Theory (3)	
Political Theory Upper Division Courses - Complete 12 UNITS from the following courses (12 units total):		
	POSC 301: Classical Political Theory (3)	
	POSC 303: Modern Political Theory (3)	
	POSC 304: Recent Political Theory (3)	
	POSC 306: Contemporary Political Ideologies (3)	
	POSC 308: American Political Theory (3)	
	POSC 401/WGSS 402: Feminist Political Theory (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
Complete the following Senior Seminar course (3 units total):		
	POSC 409: Senior Seminar in Political Theory (3)	9 Upper Division Units in Political Theory; Consent
Concentration 3: Global Politics		
Complete the following lower division course with a grade of “C” or better (3 units total):		
	POSC 218: Global Politics (3)	
Global Politics Upper Division Courses - Complete 12 UNITS from the following courses (12 units total):		
	POSC 353: Government and Politics of Western Europe (3)	
	POSC 358: Contemporary Latin American Politics (3)	
	POSC 362: Society and National Politics of China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
	POSC 367: Governments and Politics of the Middle East (3)	
	POSC 371: Introduction to International Politics (3)	
	POSC 376: International Law (3)	
	POSC 378: Politics and Practice of the UN (3)	
	POSC 450: Comparative Political Movements (3)	
	POSC 455: Comparative Revolutionary Change (3)	
	POSC 461: The Politics of Development (3)	
	POSC/GLST 463: Nationalism and National Identities (3)	
	POSC 481: U.S. - Latin American Relations (3)	
	POSC 482: American Foreign Policy (3)	
	POSC 485: International Political Economy (3)	
	POSC 486: National Security Policies (3)	
Complete the following Senior Seminar course (3 units total):		
	POSC 479: Senior Seminar in Global Politics (3)	9 Upper Division Units in Global Politics; Consent
Breadth Requirement - Complete 15 UNITS of Breadth within the following guidelines (15 units total):		
- Must include at least ONE course from each non-concentration area (6 units total) - If not completed as part of the concentration, must include 3 UNITS of practicum - May include General POSC courses: POSC 105, 388, 395, 465, 493, 497, 498, 499 (see titles and prerequisites below) - No more than 3 UNITS may be lower division - No more than 6 UNITS may be from the student's area of concentration - No more than 3 UNITS may be from one of the following: AFRS 319, 330, 332, 354, 400, 454, or 475; AIS 313, 319, 336, 345, or 485; ASAM 319, 335, or 350; CHLS 319, 320, 335, 350, 362, 400, 430, or 450; GEOG 350; RGR 450; SOC 340; WGSS 313		
	Course 1 (First Non-Concentration Area):	
	Course 2 (Second Non-Concentration Area):	
	Course 3:	
	Course 4:	
	Course 5:	
General POSC Courses - The following courses can be used to fulfill general Breadth units:		
	POSC 105: Introduction to Critical Thinking (3)	

	POSC 388: Cyberspace Citizenship (3)	
	POSC 395: Politics Through Culture (3)	
	POSC 465: Politics of the Future (3)	
Courses Below Require Instructor or Department Approval:		
	POSC 490H: Honors Seminar (3)	Admission to the Honors Program in POSC
	POSC 491H: Honors Research (3)	Admission to the Honors Program in POSC
	POSC 492H: Honors Thesis (3)	POSC 491H
	POSC 493: Selected Topics in Political Science (3)	Consent of Instructor
	POSC 496: Washington Center Internship (3)	Upper Division Standing and Department Consent
	POSC 497: Selected Topics in Political Science (3)	Consent of Instructor
	POSC 498: Practicum in Politics (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor and Department Chair
	POSC 499: Readings and Conference in Political Science (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor

Approved Practicum Courses - Complete **ONE** practicum course as part of either the Concentration or the Breadth requirement. These units are included in the Concentration or Breadth unit total.

Law, Politics, and Policy

	POSC 417: Legal Practices: Moot Court (3)	POSC 311 or 312; 412 or 414; Upper Division Standing
	POSC 418: Legal/Judicial Apprenticeship (3)	Department Consent
	POSC 447: Public Service Internship I (3)	Department Consent
	POSC 448: Public Service Internship II (3)	Department Consent

Political Theory

	POSC 401/WGSS 402: Feminist Political Theory (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
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Global Politics

	POSC 378: Politics and Practice of the UN (3)	
	POSC 450: Comparative Political Movements (3)	

General Courses (Considered "Breadth" Courses for Any Concentration)

	POSC 496: Washington Center Internship (3)	Upper Division Standing and Department Consent
	POSC 498: Practicum in Politics (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor and Department Chair

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- **See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.**
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- **A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement, with the exception of the practicum course, which may be double counted in the concentration or breadth units.**
- POSC 100, the 200-level concentration requirement, and POSC 300 must be completed by the end of the junior year.
- With the exception of internships, all courses used toward the POSC major must be taken for a letter grade.
- No more than 3 units (each) of POSC 378, POSC 417, POSC 418, and POSC 498 may be used toward the major.
- A maximum of 6 units may be earned in POSC 418, POSC 447, POSC 448, and POSC 498 combined.

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