

2026 - 2027 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 the 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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	
Complete the following course (3 units total):	
POSC 300: Scope and Methods of Political Science (3)	

Complete 18 UNITS in ONE of the following concentrations (18 units total):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)	

Law, Politics, & Policy Upper Division Courses - Complete 12 UNITS from the following courses (12 units total):	
POSC 311: Constitutional Law: Power (3)	
POSC 312: Constitutional Law: Rights (3)	
POSC 314: Environmental Law (3)	
POSC/WGSS 317: Queer Law (3)	
POSC 321: The Media and American Politics (3)	
POSC 322: Parties, Campaigns, and Elections (3)	
POSC 323: Racial and Ethnic Politics - U.S. (3)	
POSC 326: California Government in Comparative Perspective (3)	
POSC 327: Urban Politics (3)	
POSC 328: Public Policy (3)	
POSC 329: Cases in Public Policy Making (3)	
POSC 412: Law and Social Change (3)	
POSC 414: Jurisprudence (3)	
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 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)	Department Consent
POSC 448: Public Service Internship II (3)	Department Consent

Complete the following Senior Seminar course (3 units total):	
POSC 439: Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Policy (3)	9 Upper Division Units in Law, Politics, & Policy; Consent

Courses

Prerequisites

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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):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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:		

Courses**Prerequisites****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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