

B.A. in Political Science

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree explores the American political system, public administration and policy, political theories, international relations and comparative political systems.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

Curriculum

Course	Credits
General Education Courses	40 or 41
<i>Building a Sense of Community</i> UNI 100 First-Year Seminar	1
<i>Composition</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENG 101 English Composition I• Select from: ENG 102, 211, 217; HON 250	6
<i>Public Speaking</i> Any Public Speaking Course	3
<i>Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy</i> Any Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy Course	3
<i>Health and Wellness</i> Any Health and Wellness Course	3
<i>Technological Literacy</i> Any Technological Literacy	3
<i>Humanities</i> Any Humanities Course	3
<i>Fine Arts</i> Any Fine Arts Course	3
<i>Natural Sciences</i> Any Natural Sciences Course	3 or 4
<i>Social Sciences</i> Any Social Sciences Course	3
<i>General Education Options</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any Ethics and Multicultural Awareness Emphasis Course• Additional General Education Courses (two courses)	9

Department of Humanities

Course	Credits
Required Major Courses	12
POS 100 Intro. To Political Sci.	3
POS 105 American Politics	3
POS 301 Research Methods POS	3
POS 450 Seminar in Politics	3
Required Related Courses	12
<i>American Politics Course</i> (select one): POS 303, 306, 310, 311, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 329, 344, 415	3
<i>International Relations/Comparative Politics Course</i> (select one): POS 210, 312, 320, 323, 325, 326, 336, 340, 346, 360, 381	3
<i>Political Theory Course</i> (select one): POS 307, 327, 330, 347, 348	3
<i>Public Administration/Public Policy Course</i> (select one): POS 300, 308, 317, 335, 344, 355, 365, 370, 375	3
Political Science Electives	18
Select six POS courses	18
Free Electives	37 or 38
Total	120

Additional requirements, not counted toward the General Education requirements, include:

- **Special Experience Course (1 course required):** POS 450 Seminar in Politics
- **Writing-Intensive Component Courses (2 courses required):** POS 301 Research Methods in Political Science AND POS 450 Seminar in Politics
- **Laboratory Course (1 course required):** Any Laboratory Course

Program Notes: Minimum GPA - 2.0; Minimum Credits - 120.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/political-science/index.aspx>