

Humanities

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

The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years.

Course	Credits
Freshman Year	
First-Semester	16
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
POS 100 Introduction to Political Science	3
UNI 100 First-Year Seminar	1
General Education Courses	9
Second Semester	15
ENG 102 English Composition II OR ENG 211 Business Writing I OR ENG 217 Scientific and Technical Writing I OR HON 250 Honors Composition II	3
POS 105 American Politics	3
General Education Courses	9
Sophomore Year	
Third Semester	15
Political Science Electives	6
General Education Courses	9
Fourth Semester	15
Political Science Electives	6
General Education Courses	6
Minor OR Elective Course	3

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Course	Credits
Junior Year	
Fifth Semester	15
POS 301 Research Methods in Political Science	3
Political Science Elective	3
Minor OR Elective Course	9
Sixth Semester	15
Political Science Electives	6
Minor OR Elective Courses	9
Senior Year	
Seventh Semester	15
Political Science Electives	6
Minor OR Elective Courses	9
Eighth Semester	15
POS 450 Seminar in American Politics	3
Political Science Elective	3
Minor OR Elective Courses	9
Total	120

Program Requirements

Required Major Courses

- **POS 100** Introduction to Political Science
- **POS 105** American Politics
- **POS 301** Research Methods in Political Science
- **POS 450** Seminar in Politics

Select one from each list (12 credits total):

- **American Politics:** POS 303, 306, 310, 311, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 329, 344, 415
- **International Relations/Comparative Politics:** POS 210, 312, 320, 323, 325, 326, 336, 340, 346, 360, 381
- **Political Theory:** POS 307, 327, 330, 347, 348
- **Public Administration/Public Policy:** POS 300, 308, 317, 335, 344, 355, 365, 370, 375

Political Science Electives

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- Six courses (18 credits)

Program Webpage

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