

B.A. in Political Science: Pre-Law Concentration

Program Description

The pre-law concentration of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science is designed for students who plan to go on to law school or pursue other graduate studies. The program hones students' analytical reading, writing and critical thinking skills as well as their ability to make a persuasive argument.

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

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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	30
POS 316 Judicial Policy OR LAW 370 Administrative Law	3
HIS 435 History of Law OR HIS 322 History of Religious Persecution	3
POS 327 Contemp. Political Thought OR POS 330 American Political Ideas	3
PHI 115 Logic and Language OR PHI 211 Formal Logic	3
CDC 201 Argumentation and Advocacy OR CDC 302 Persuasion	3
Political Science Elective	3
<i>U.S. Constitution Course</i> (select one): POS 314, 315; HIS 308	3
<i>Political Theory Course</i> (select one): POS 327, 330, 347, 348	3
<i>International Politics Course</i> (select one): POS 307, 312, 320, 346	3
<i>U.S. Government Course</i> (select one): POS 300, 306, 310, 318	3
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

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Program Notes: Minimum GPA - 2.0; Minimum Credits - 120. Developmental courses do not count toward the 120 credits necessary for graduation but are calculated in your overall GPA.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/pre-law/index.aspx>