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B.A. in Political Science: Public Affairs Concentration

Program Description

The Public Affairs concentration of the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree explores various aspects of policy and administration. Students hone their decision-making skills and learn how to craft policy in the public sector.

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
POS American Politics Course	3
POS Public Affairs Course	3
General Education Courses	9
Fourth Semester	15
COM 230 Argumentation and Debate OR COM 350 Persuasion	3

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Course	Credits
POS International Relations/Comparative Politics Course	3
POS Public Affairs Course	3
General Education Courses	6
Junior Year	
Fifth Semester	15
POS 301 Research Methods in Political Science	3
POS Public Affairs Course	3
POS Theory Course	3
Minor OR Elective Courses	6
Sixth Semester	15
POS Public Affairs Courses	6
Minor OR Elective Courses	9
Senior Year	
Seventh Semester	15
POS Public Affairs Course	3
Minor OR Elective Courses	12
Eighth Semester	15
POS 450 Seminar in American Politics	3
POS Public Affairs Course	3
Minor OR Elective Courses	9
Total	120

Program Requirements

Required Major Courses (12 credits)

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

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Select one from each list (9 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 Affairs Concentration (21 credits)

- **LAW 370** Administrative Law
- **POS 300** Public Policy
- **POS 344** Intergovernmental Relations
- **POS 355** Public Administration
- **POS 365** Public Sector Organizational Theory and Behavior
- **POS 370** Public Sector Personnel Management
- **POS 375** Public and Nonprofit Strategic Planning

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/public-affairs/index.aspx>