

Politics & Government

<http://www.pacificu.edu/as/politics>

The first step in considering a major in Politics and Government is to speak with one of the department's faculty members. If you don't know where to start, contact the Department Chair, Professor Jules Boykoff at boykoff@pacificu.edu (Spring 2019) or Professor Jeff Seward at sewardj@pacificu.edu (Fall 2018).

Major Requirements: A major in Politics and Government involves several required courses inside the department, as well as a variety of electives.

1) *Required courses in POLS:*

- POLS 140 or 180
- POLS 399 (spring junior year)
- POLS 498 (fall senior year)
- POLS 499 (spring senior year)

2) *32 Additional Credit Hours in POLS courses that include the following:*

- One upper-division course in American Politics (4 credits)
- One upper division course in International Politics (4 credits)
- One course in Political Philosophy (4 credits)
- 20 other credits, at least 8 of which are upper division (20 credits)

Courses that fulfill the area requirements (American, International, Philosophy) above are as follows:

American Politics	International Politics	Political Philosophy
301	330	209
302	331	212
304	340	213
306	345	310
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Internships:

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue an internship or study abroad and should plan to have those experiences in their sophomore or junior year. Students interested in internships are encouraged to speak with any member of the department for help; those interested in study abroad should see Professor Seward; and those interested in law school should consult with Professor Paul Snell.

Introductory Courses:

After one has had a 100- or 200- level course in the department, a student should be able to handle any 300-level course. For an upper division student who has never had a political science course, we strongly recommend talking with the instructor prior to registration.

A Four-Year Schedule for the Major:

Below is simply one example of many that a student could follow in pursuit of a POLS degree. We have had many students who did not begin to focus on POLS until the end of the sophomore year.

Years One and Two:

POLS 140 and/or POLS 180

POLS 200 Level on Political Philosophy

POLS 200 Level elective

Study Abroad in Spring of Sophomore Year

If studying abroad for all of junior year, consider POLS 399 spring sophomore year

Year Three

POLS 399 in Spring (offered every year)

300 level POLS courses for major requirements

Consider Internship

Study Abroad in Fall of Junior Year

Year Four

POLS 498, the Senior Seminar in Fall

POLS 499, the Senior Seminar in Spring

300 level POLS courses for major requirements

Consider Internship

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