POLITICAL ECONOMY

This major explores the intersection of economics with politics in domestic and international contexts. It prepares students for engagement with global and regional questions that require an analysis of economic and political phenomena and provides a useful background for a wide variety of entry positions in the public and private sectors.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Four core courses:
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Fundamental Principles of Calculus
  or Calculus I
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Four upper division elective courses. Examples include:
- Politics of the World Economy
- Mass Media and Politics
- U.S. Foreign Economic Policy
- International Political Economy of Development

One introductory course from the following categories:
- International Relations
- Comparative Politics
- Law, Politics and Public Policy

Three upper division economics courses. Examples include:
- Economics of Less Developed Countries
- International Trade
- Resource and Environmental Economics

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics: The mission of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics is to motivate students to become active in the world of politics and to encourage public officials to participate in the daily life of USC. The Unruh Research in Applied Politics Program supports research that addresses political topics of concern to the polity.

Omicron Delta Epsilon: ODE, which dates back to 1915, is one of the world’s largest and most prestigious academic honors societies. Its basic objective is to recognize and honor outstanding academic achievements in economics. It also works to promote closer ties between students and faculty among colleges and universities around the globe.

Study Abroad: Explore political issues on the international scale in locations ranging from Cairo to Sao Paulo, Florence to Tokyo.

USC Economics Review: The review is run by an undergraduate editorial board and aims to offer student analysis on high-level topics that is engaging and educational for the university and greater communities.

For additional information, please consult the USC Catalogue.