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 analysis of economic and political causes and consequences and provides a useful background for a wide variety of entry positions in the public and private sectors.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

Three Lower Division Courses
- Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics
- Calculus I
- Choose One Introductory Course in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Law, Politics, and Public Policy

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Course

Three Courses from Group 1, for example:
- Economics of Less Developed Countries
- Political Parties, Campaigns, and Elections

One Course from Group 2, such as:
- Politics of the World Economy or U.S. Foreign Economic Policy

One Course from Group 3, for example:
- Resource and Environmental Economics or Mass Media and Politics

One Course from Group 4, such as:
- International Political Economy of Development or Women in International Development

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 and 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.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or http://dornsife.usc.edu/political-economy/