Political Science

This major attracts students whose interests include philosophy, law, economics, history, culture, psychology, and regional studies. It allows students the chance to better understand the vital questions associated with politics and government. These questions include the conditions that promote (or inhibit) democracy, freedom, justice, human rights, effective policymaking, and public service.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

**Two of the following Lower Division Courses**
- Theory and Practice of American Democracy
- Ideology and Political Conflict
- Comparative Politics
- Law, Politics, and Public Policy

**One upper division course from three of the following categories (total of 3 courses):**
- American Politics
- Comparative Politics
- Law and Public Policy
- Political Thought

**Three additional courses from a selected concentration area. Some examples include:**
- Cross-National and Regional Politics
- Environmental Politics
- Law and Human Rights
- Parties, Interest Groups, and Institutions
- Race, Gender, and Politics of Justice

**Two elective courses, both which must be upper division.**

**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.

**Political Science Undergraduate Association:** PSUA students enjoy many opportunities to socialize with professors, students, and administrators at academic and social events.

**Study Abroad:** A major in political science allows students one of the most diverse arrays of overseas study available to Trojans. Choose to 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/politicalscience/undergraduate/*