The USC Department of Political Science (POSC) is offering a new minor in Practical Politics. The minor provides students a unique opportunity to study the theory and practice of American Democracy. The Minor includes courses on campaigns, elections, political communications, legislative politics, and governing. Students will engage with faculty who possess a wealth of knowledge and experience in electoral politics and campaign strategy. The Minor will help students develop a multitude of skills applicable to the job market, such as problem solving, polling, social media analytics, micro-targeting, research, writing, and public speaking. Students will also complete an internship that will provide them with professional training and exposure to different careers. In addition, students can pursue courses through Maymester and the Dornsife in Washington D.C. program toward the Minor.

The Minor requires 16 units of upper division courses. Only 4 units of the 20 units may be fulfilled with a 100- or 200-level course.

Two courses in **American Politics** from the following (8 units):
- **POSC 100**: Theory and Practice of American Democracy
- **POSC 300**: Principles, Institutions, and Great Issues of American Democracy
- **POSC 334**: Interest Groups and Elite Behavior
- **POSC 335**: Political Parties, Campaigns, and Elections
- **POSC 422**: Political Attitudes and Behavior
- **POSC 423**: Presidents and the Presidency
- **POSC 424m**: Political Participation and American Diversity
- **POSC 425**: Legislative Process
- **POSC 435**: Politics and the Economy
- **POSC 437**: Mass Media and Politics

Two courses in **Applied Politics** from the following (8 units):
- **POSC 220g**: Presidential Elections in Real Time
- **POSC 323**: Applied Politics
- **POSC 325**: State Politics
- **POSC 420**: Practicum in the American Political Process
- **POSC 439**: Critical Issues in American Politics: Campaign Strategy and Messaging
- **POSC 452**: Critical Issues in Law and Public Policy: The Feedback Loop in Politics and Public Policy

One course in **Practical Experience** from the following (4 units):
- **POSC 395**: Political Science Internship
- **Internship in Washington, D.C.** (part of the Washington, D.C. Program)
- **Maymester** in Washington, D.C.

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