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POLITICAL ECONOMY, B.A.

	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS			
ECON 203 Principles of Microeconomics <i>Satisfies GE-F Quantitative Reasoning</i>			
ECON 205 Principles of Macroeconomics <i>Satisfies GE-F Quantitative Reasoning</i>			
Complete one of the following: <i>Both satisfy GE-F Quantitative Reasoning.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 118 Fundamental Principles of Calculus <i>Prerequisite: MATH 108 or 117</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 125 Calculus I <i>Prerequisite: MATH 108</i>			
Complete one of the following:			
<input type="checkbox"/> IR 210 International Relations: Introductory Analysis <i>Satisfies GE-C Social Analysis & GE-G Citizenship in a Diverse World</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> POSC 120 Comparative Politics			
<input type="checkbox"/> POSC 130 Law, Politics, & Public Policy <i>Satisfies GE-C Social Analysis</i>			
UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS			
ECON 303 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory <i>Prerequisite: ECON 203, MATH 118/125</i>			
Complete three electives in upper-division Economics. Choose from STARS report or consult advisor.			
ECON 300/400-level course: _____ <i>ECON 400-level elective recommended. Prerequisite varies. ECON 351/352 does not count toward major.</i>			
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Complete two electives in upper-division International Relations. Choose from STARS report or consult advisor.			
IR 300/400-level course: _____ <i>IR 400-level elective recommended. Prerequisite varies.</i>			
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Complete two electives in upper-division Political Science. Choose from STARS report or consult advisor.			
POSC 300/400-level course: _____ <i>POSC 400-level elective recommended. Prerequisite varies.</i>			
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MAJOR UNIT TOTAL			

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In the age of "Big Data," the Department of Economics offers one of the largest and most dynamic undergraduate majors in Dornsife College. Ranked #23 nationally (REPEC), we are an international leader in econometrics, development economics, and experimental economics; and in recent years we have accelerated our growth in macroeconomics and applied economics. Economic theory is intertwined with practical models to address concepts across disciplinary boundaries.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS Political Economy majors learn to use qualitative and quantitative methods to study the origin, development, and operation of political systems. They need to interpret data, forecast trends, identify causes, and recommend solutions. In addition, they must use effective communication strategies to share findings with a variety of audiences. Some careers that value these skills are survey researcher, market research analyst, economic consultant, financial analyst, and policy analyst. Prospective industries include research institutions, political campaigns, government entities, and non-profit organizations. A master's degree is usually required for positions as a political scientist.

JOB OUTLOOK According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics¹, between now and 2032 employment of economists is projected to grow by 6%, financial analysts is projected to grow by 8%, and market research analysts is projected to grow by 13% — all of which are faster than the average for U.S. occupations. Growth for actuaries is projected to grow by 23%, which is much faster than average.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES Qualified undergraduates may enroll in supervised individual research courses. Additionally, faculty may hire undergraduates as research assistants to help with data collection and analysis. The Los Angeles Behavioral Economics Laboratory (LABEL) offers research assistantships in Experimental Economics and Neuroeconomics. Economics is also home to the Center for Applied Financial Economics (CAFE), Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR), and the Institute for Economic Policy Research (IEPR).

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS The Undergraduate Economics Association connects students with faculty, alumni, and peers beyond the classroom. Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) is the international economics honors society. The national organization sponsors academic competitions and rewards research and service. The local chapter organizes events including panel discussions and networking. The *USC Economics Review* is an academic publication run by an undergraduate editorial board and offers students analysis on scholarly topics including economic policy and everyday phenomena.

¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. Retrieved from <https://www.bls.gov/ooh>