

University of California, Riverside  
Department of Political Science

Requirements for the BA degree in  
Political Science

Completion of the following course requirements will satisfy the major requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

**POSC (52-60 units)**

**Lower-Division Requirements** (16-20 units)

POSC 005(W), 005H, or POSC 007(W) (5 units)  
Political Ideologies or Introduction to Political Theory

POSC 010(W) or 010H (5 units)  
American Politics

POSC 015, 015H or POSC 017 (5 units)  
Comparative Politics or Politics of the Underdeveloped World

POSC 020 or 020H (5 units)  
World Politics

(Students must complete two of the four lower division POSC courses with "C" or better.)

**Upper-Division Requirements**

(9 courses, at least 36 units)

**Complete at least ONE course from each of the following areas:**

***U.S. Government & Politics:***

POSC 100, 101, 104 or 104S, 108,  
143 or 143S, 144 or 144S, 145, 146,  
148 or 148H or 148S, 149,  
166, 167, 168, 170, 171,  
173 or 173S, 180 or 180S,  
181, 182E, 183, 184 or 184S, 186

***Comparative Government & Politics:***

POSC 102 or 102S or 109/RLST 173, 120,  
151 or 151S, 152, 153, 154, 155 or 155S,  
156, 157 or 157S, POSC158/LNST148,  
159 or 159S, 160 or 160S,  
POSC161/LNST188,  
POSC 162(S)/LNST 142(S),  
163 or 163S, 164 or 164S,  
165 or 165S, 178 or 178S, 188 or 188S

***International Relations & Foreign Policy:***

POSC 123, 124 or 124S, 125, 126 or 126S,  
127 or 127S, 128, 129, 130, 132 or 132S,  
134 or 134S, 135, 136 or 136S, 137 or  
137S, 138 or 138S, 139 or 139S, 147 or 147S,  
150 or 150S, 153, 169, 182F, 182G

***Political Theory:***

POSC 106 or 106S, 107, 110 or 110S,  
111 or 111S, 112 or 112S, 113, 115  
or 115S, 116 or 116S, 117 or 117S, 119,  
POSC 121(S)/CLA 121(S)/CPAC 121(S),  
122 or 122S

**Note:** POSC 114(S) DOES NOT satisfy the upper division theory requirement and applies to additional area only!

**Choose FIVE additional courses in Political Science**

(No more than 2 courses from the POSC 190, POSC 142L, or POSC 142M series are allowed.) NOTE: Field Work or Individual Internship (Prerequisite: GPA of 2.70 or better.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Department Recommendation: a course in statistics (Optional). **Note:** STAT 040 was renumbered to **STAT 004** and STAT 048 was renumbered to **STAT 008**.

Please visit the [classes.ucr.edu](https://classes.ucr.edu) website or view the UCR General Catalog for a complete list of prerequisite courses to determine eligibility for course enrollment. UCR Catalog, <https://registrar.ucr.edu/registering/catalog>.

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(Students must complete 180-quarter units including breadth, Lower-division, and Upper-division requirements with a 2.0 average GPA in all upper division major courses for graduation.)