

Information for 2009-10 Proposed Politics Majors - Frosh

We are pleased with your interest in Politics as your major. Following is some information we hope you will find helpful.

The Politics department offers both major and minor degrees as well as a Politics/Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) combined major.

Frosh:

We recommend that you take at least one, preferably two, lower-division Politics courses (1-79) your first year. This also satisfies an IS general education requirement.

If you know you wish to obtain a degree in Politics, we encourage you to officially declare your major early in your sophomore year. Many of our classes restrict enrollment to declared majors.

Declaration of Major:

Declaring the major in Politics is a four-step process:

1. Complete and pass with a grade of C or better the 2 required lower division courses, numbered 1-79. Print a **Study Plan – Declaration of Major/Minor** form that can be found at <http://advising.ucsc.edu/student/index.html>. Complete the *University, General Education, and College Requirements* section and obtain approval from your college advisor.
2. Register for and attend a Politics department major declaration workshop led by the student advisor. The workshop schedule and registration form is posted outside of Merrill College, room 23. At the workshop you will be given all the information needed to be a successful Politics major.
3. Meet with your faculty advisor. Each student meets with a faculty member to discuss an intended program of study; including its breadth and purpose.
4. Meet with the Politics student advisor. Your declaration will be complete and entered into the Academic Information System (AIS).

Major Requirements:

The Politics course requirements for a major include: two lower division courses, four upper division core courses, five upper division electives and fulfilling one of the senior exit requirements.

Minor Requirements:

The Politics course requirements for a minor include: four upper division core courses plus one other upper division course of your choice.

Combined Politics/Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) Major Requirements:

The Politics/LALS combined major course requirements offers a unique curriculum that combines courses from both the Politics and LALS depts. For further information regarding this course of study, please contact the LALS advisor.

The Department of Politics Office is located at 27 Merrill College. Open office hours are 1:30 - 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, changes will be noted on the office door. You can reach us by telephone at (831) 459-2505 or by email at polimajor@ucsc.edu.