Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

### Major: POLITICS

**Importance of an early start:**
This major is not highly sequential or course intensive. Although it is advisable to begin taking courses toward the major in the first year, it is not required.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**
All students are required to complete and pass, with a grade of C or better, two politics lower division courses numbered 1 through 79 prior to declaring the major and as a prerequisite to upper division courses.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**
No specific courses at the high school level are required as preparation for the major.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**
Students are advised to take a lower division politics course numbered 1-79.

**Sample first year plan:**
- **Fall:** One lower division politics course numbered 1-79  
- **Winter:** Second lower division politics course numbered 1-79  
- **Spring:** Core course from the 105, 120, 140 or 160 series

**Skills important for success in this major:**
Critical reading and thinking skills, analytical writing ability, competent research skills to gather, evaluate, and present evidence.

**Other information:**
The politics major does not accept any AP or IB courses for credit.

**Links to More Information:**
- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)  
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)  
- [http://politics.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://politics.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)

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