



## government

**bachelor of arts: international relations concentration •  
government/journalism • minor • master of arts**

### Program Description

Government, or Political Science, is devoted to study of the theory and practice of government and politics. At Sacramento State the fields of study are: Political Theory; Public Law; International and Comparative Politics; and American Governments, Politics and Policy. Over 70 courses cover all the major aspects of political science. Lower division courses satisfy General Education requirements and help to prepare students for advanced work.

The Government major complements a student's liberal arts education with an emphasis on understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of government and politics. The Department offers both the BA and the minor in Government. The major is structured to provide students with a background in the basic fields of political science, as well as to permit them a range of choice in completing the program.

The Government Department offers several courses integral to interdisciplinary programs such as Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, California Studies, Canadian Studies, and Peace/War Studies. The Department also offers a joint Government-Journalism major with the Department of Communication Studies.

### Career Possibilities

Researcher State, County or City Government Levels • Administrative Aide to Public Official • Specialist in Legislative Affairs and Governmental Relations • Public Opinion Analyst • Campaign Manager • Director of Political Action Committee • Teacher • Elected Public Official • Budget Analyst • Lobbyist • City Planner • Foreign Service Officer • Consular Service Officer • Paralegal • Attorney • Business-Person • Civil Service • Organizational Planner

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Students should select a faculty advisor who shares the student's academic interests. For students who wish to pursue graduate work in Government, a Master of Arts degree is offered.

### Concentrations

**BA: International Relations** - a concentration in International Relations that is distinct from the field emphasis within the major.

**BA: Government/Journalism** - an interdisciplinary program that spans the combined areas of Government and Journalism.

### Special Features

- Located in the state capital, the Sacramento State program offers unusual opportunities for the study of government and politics and especially for internships. Students have served internships with state legislators, legislative committee staffs, special interest and lobbying groups, and administrative agencies. Placement is also possible in local government executive agencies and with county supervisors, city council members, and selected political campaigns. Students applying for internships should have had (or be taking in the same semester) GOVT 180, California State and Local Government, and must have passed the Writing Proficiency Examination.
- Sacramento State students may apply for the Sacramento Semester Program, which brings students from all California State University campuses to Sacramento for one semester to take advantage of the unique learning experience at the State Capital. The heart of this program is six units of internship with the legislature or other state offices. An accompanying 6 unit seminar course in state government and politics allows students to integrate their practical internship experience with academic work.
- Students who work in the day will be interested to know that class scheduling permits completion of the general Government major in the late afternoon and evening hours.

## Undergraduate Programs

Although it is not a requirement of the major, the Department strongly recommends that students take an introductory statistics course as part of their undergraduate work. A course in statistics may be used to satisfy the GE requirement in mathematics.

The Department emphasizes its expectation that students seek faculty advice when planning their program. Students may ask any faculty member's assistance initially. As specific interests are developed, students may wish to seek the advice of faculty sharing their interests.

### Requirements • Bachelor of Arts Degree

Units required for Major: 36

Minimum total units required for BA: 120

A "C" average is required in the Major.

**Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.**

#### A. Prerequisite Requirements (3 units)

- (3) GOVT 001 Essentials of Government

#### B. Required Upper Division Courses (21 units)

- (3) GOVT 110 Political Thought I **OR**  
 GOVT 111 Political Thought II  
 (3) GOVT 120A Constitutional Law  
 (GOVT 001 or equivalent) **OR**  
 GOVT 120B Constitutional Rights and Liberties  
 (GOVT 001 or equivalent)  
 (3) GOVT 130 International Politics  
 (3) GOVT 170 Public Policy Development (GOVT 001  
 or equivalent. Passing score on WPE)  
 (9) Select three upper division courses from the four following  
 fields:  
 \* Political Theory  
 \* Public Law  
 \* International and Comparative Politics  
 \* American Governments, Politics, and Policy

#### Notes:

- The Department recommends students take no more than two of these required courses a semester.
- GOVT 170 should be taken in the final year of a student's undergraduate work.
- GOVT 150 may not be counted as an elective toward the major.

#### C. Electives (12 units)\*

- (9) Select three upper division courses.  
 (A seminar and/or internship is strongly recommended.)  
 (3) Select any lower or upper division Government course.

\*These courses **must** be selected in consultation with an advisor.

#### Notes:

- If a student has not taken GOVT 001 or its equivalent, then GOVT 150 may count as the prerequisite for the major; however, students are cautioned that if they must direct GOVT 150 to fulfilling the GE requirement in American institutions, they may not also then count GOVT 150 toward the major.
- Students may take a maximum of 6 units of GOVT 195 (Internship) within the major, but may use no more than 3 of those units to complete the 30 units of required upper division work.
- Students should be aware that the Department offers a concentration in International Relations that is distinct from a field emphasis within the major. See complete International Relations Concentration description.

### Requirements • Bachelor of Arts Degree International Relations Concentration

Units required for Major: 42

Minimum total units required for BA: 120

Minimum required GPA: 2.0

**Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.**

#### A. Lower Division Courses (0-6 units)

While the International Relations concentration has no specific lower division requirements, students may offer GOVT 001 and GOVT 035 or their equivalents towards the 42 units of work required for the major.

#### B. Required Upper Division Courses (15 units)

- (3) GOVT 100 Introduction to Research Methods in  
 Political Science  
 (3) GOVT 111 Political Thought II **OR**  
 GOVT 112 Current Political Thought  
 (3) GOVT 130 International Politics  
 (3) GOVT 136 International Political Economy  
 (3) GOVT 140 The Study of Comparative Government  
 and Politics (GOVT 001 or equivalent)

#### C. Upper Division Electives (21-27 units)

Additional upper division courses to total 42 units. These must be selected from Government courses numbered from 130 through 149 and from courses in other disciplines that have an international relations/comparative politics content. Up to twelve (12) units of work in other disciplines can be counted to satisfy the requirements of the major, as long as approval by an international relations advisor is obtained.

With prior approval students may also be able to include as part of the major alternative Government courses such as GOVT 119A, Socialism-Marxism-Communism; GOVT 127, Elements of International Law; and GOVT 162, American Film and Culture in the Nuclear Age.

The Department strongly recommends that students select elective courses with a specific area of study in mind. Such areas of study might include international political economy, international development studies, security studies, or regional concentrations such as Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

### Requirements • Bachelor of Arts Degree Government-Journalism

Units required for Major: 51

Minimum total units required for BA: 120

**Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.**

#### A. Required Lower Division Courses (9 units)

- (3) GOVT 001 Essentials of Government  
 (3) JOUR 030 News Writing (JOUR 020)  
 (3) JOUR 055 Media Communication and Society **OR**  
 JOUR 050 Mass Media and Critical Thinking

\* If a student has not taken GOVT 001 or its equivalent, then GOVT 150 may count as the prerequisite for the major; however, students are cautioned that if they must direct GOVT 150 to fulfilling the GE requirement in American institutions, they may not also then count GOVT 150 toward the major.

**B. Required Upper Division Courses (33 units)**

**Government**

- (3) GOVT 170\* Public Policy Development (Passing score on the WPE)
- (3) GOVT 180\* California State and Local Government
- (3) Select one of the following:
  - GOVT 151\* Bureaucracy
  - GOVT 153\* The American Presidency
  - GOVT 154\* Political Parties and Campaigning
  - GOVT 155\* The Legislative Process
  - GOVT 156\* Pressure Groups and Lobbying
  - GOVT 157\* Politics, Opinion and Participation
  - GOVT 184\* Introduction to Urban Politics
- (3) Select one of the following:
  - GOVT 120A\* Constitutional Law
  - GOVT 120B\* Constitutional Rights and Liberties
  - GOVT 125\* Politics of Justice
- (3) Select one of the following:
  - GOVT 130\* International Politics
  - GOVT 131\* International Organization
  - GOVT 135\* American Foreign Policy

**Journalism**

- (3) JOUR 130A News Reporting I (JOUR 20, JOUR 030; Corequisite: JOUR 130B)
- (3) JOUR 130B News Reporting II (JOUR 20, JOUR 030; Corequisite: JOUR 130A)
- (3) JOUR 134 War, Peace and the Mass Media
- (3) JOUR 135 Public Affairs Reporting (JOUR 130A, JOUR 130B)
- (3) JOUR 153 Mass Media Law and Regulation

**Internship**

- (3) GOVT 195 Government Internship (GOVT 180 or GOVT 182) **OR**
- JOUR 195 Internship in Journalism (JOUR 130A, JOUR 130B and Minimum 2.3 overall GPA)

**C. Electives (9 units)**

- (6) Select 6 units of upper division courses in Government. (The Department particularly recommends at least one course in political theory.) GOVT 150 may not be used as an elective.
- (3) Select one upper division course in Journalism.  
\*Course prerequisite: GOVT 001 or equivalent.

**Note:** Government-Journalism majors should have both an advisor in the Government Department and a Journalism Advisor in the Communication Studies Department.

The University's association with the Washington Center makes it possible for California State University, Sacramento students to undertake an internship in Washington, D.C. There are many opportunities for Government-Journalism majors to do an internship to meet their unique interests through this program

**Requirements • Minor**

Units required for Minor: 21, 15 of which must be in upper division.

A "C" average is required in the Minor.

- (6) Select two of the following:
  - GOVT 110 Political Thought I
  - GOVT 111 Political Thought II
  - GOVT 120A Constitutional Law (GOVT 001 or equivalent)
  - GOVT 120B Constitutional Rights and Liberties (GOVT 001 or equivalent)
  - GOVT 130 International Politics

GOVT 170 Public Policy Development (GOVT 001, passing score on WPE)

- (15) Select 15 units of government or political science courses, no more than six units of which may be lower division. Students may count as many as (6) units of Government 195 or (3) units of Government 199 toward completion of the minor.

**Graduate Program**

The Master of Arts program in Government is designed to orient the student toward critical investigation of problems in government and politics, and to improve the student's ability for independent study. This program is of special value to teachers of government in the public schools, to persons who contemplate public service or politics as a career, and to persons planning additional graduate study leading to the doctorate. The Government Department Graduate Coordinator acts as advisor to graduate students and should be consulted early in each student's program of graduate study.

**Note:** Because most graduate students work during the day, most graduate courses are offered in the late afternoon and evening hours.

**Admission Requirements**

Admission as a classified graduate student in Government requires:

- a baccalaureate degree;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted and 3.0 GPA in the major;
- a satisfactory score on the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (the Department expects the student to achieve at least the 50th percentile in the combined verbal/analytic score);
- three letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's potential for successful graduate study;
- a written statement explaining the applicant's purposes and goals in pursuing a master's degree in Government; and
- an example of written work which the applicant considers evidence of his/her best scholarship regardless of the grade received.

Applicants who have deficiencies in Admission Requirements that can be removed by specified additional preparation may be admitted to the degree program with conditionally classified graduate status. Students with an undergraduate major in **any** subject may be accepted; no minimum number of units in Government is required. However, if a student's preparation in the field of government or political science is not adequate preparation for graduate study, he/she may be asked to complete some additional course work before becoming classified. Any deficiencies will be noted on a written response to the student's admission application. No upper division prerequisite courses required as a condition of classification can be counted towards the degree requirement.

### Admission Procedures

Applications are accepted as long as room for new students exists. However, students are strongly urged to apply by April 1 for the following fall or November 1 for the following spring in order to allow time for admission before the Computer Access to Student Personal and Enrollment Records (CASPER). All prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must file the following with the Office of Graduate Studies, River Front Center 206, (916) 278-6740:

- an online application for admission;
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State*; and
- Graduate Record Examination scores, aptitude portion only.

At the same time, each applicant should forward to the Graduate Coordinator in Government the following:

- the three letters of recommendation;
- the applicant's written statement of purposes and goals; and
- the example of the applicant's best written work.

Approximately six weeks after receipt of all items listed above, a decision regarding admission will be mailed to the applicant.

### Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed STAT 001 or its approved equivalent, a prerequisite to the program (does not count towards the degree) which must be taken before GOVT 200;
- completed at least 15 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- successfully met the writing proficiency requirement; and
- submitted a thesis prospectus (if the student elects to do a thesis).

Advancement to Candidacy forms are available in the Office of Graduate Studies. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with a Government Department advisor. The completed form is then returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

## Requirements • Master of Arts Degree

Units required for MA: 30

Minimum required GPA: 3.0 with no grade below a "C" (not a "C-")

### A. Required Courses (15 units)

- (3) GOVT 200 Method and Scope in Political Science (STAT 001 or its equivalent)
- (3) GOVT 210 Political Theory (upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission) **OR**
- GOVT 219 Specialized Studies in Political Theory (instructor permission)

- (3) GOVT 230 Theories of International Relations (upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission) **OR**
- GOVT 240 Comparative Government and Politics (advanced course in the field)
- (3) GOVT 250 Basic Issues of American Government (upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission) **OR**
- GOVT 270 Public Policy and the Political Processes (upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission)
- (3) GOVT 280 State Politics **OR**
- GOVT 284 Urban Politics

### B. Other Course Requirements (12 units)

Four additional courses which may be completed from graduate seminars in the Department, from 200-level courses in related fields (6 units allowed with graduate coordinator's prior approval), from GOVT 295 (3 units allowed), and/or from GOVT 299 (6 units allowed). However, a maximum of 6 units of GOVT 295 and/or GOVT 299 may be applied to the MA. Of these twelve units, up to 6 units may be in 100-level courses within the Government Department, chosen from a pre-approved list compiled by the graduate coordinator. Each student must choose to emphasize two of the following four fields:

- Political Theory
- Comparative Government/International Relations
- American Government/Public Law/Public Policy
- California State and Local Government

The student must complete two seminars in each of two of the above designated fields.

### C. Culminating Requirement (3 units)

- (3) GOVT 500 Culminating Experience

**Note: Students Preparing for Further Graduate Study** - The Sacramento State Government MA does not require a foreign language. Students who plan to seek admission to a Ph.D. program are advised, however, that many still impose a foreign language requirement on all students and most Ph.D. programs now impose a quantitative techniques requirement as well. Thus, the recommendation that students take a course in statistics.

## Lower Division Courses

**GOVT 001. Essentials of Government.** Examines the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. system of governments and the ideas and values on which they are based. Fulfills state code requirements for U.S. Constitution and California State and Local Government. Students who believe they have a good fundamental knowledge of the institutions of American Government are encouraged to consider a designated upper division course to fulfill the state requirement. 3 units.

**GOVT 010. The Meaning of Government: An Introduction to Political Ideas.** Examination of the ideas of various authors about governing and being governed. Topics include: the scope and limits of freedom, the causes and characteristics of the state, the content of politics, the nature of authority, the problems of power and the duty to obey. 3 units.

**GOVT 035. World Politics.** Basic introduction to global politics focusing on a broad range of issues and problems relating to conflict and cooperation among nations, and on similarities and differences among nations' governmental institutions, structures and processes. 3 units.

**GOVT 096. Experimental Offerings in Government.** Several courses may be offered under this number, either as small seminars or as regular lecture classes. They are designed to study a topic of particular interest to an instructor or to students or to explore a topic of especially timely concern. Students may take any number of these courses provided they differ in their subject of study. The Schedule of Classes each semester will show which, if any, of these classes are given and their area of study. Course descriptions will be available in the department office before the semester begins. 3 units.

## Upper Division Courses

### *Political Theory*

**GOVT 100. Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science.** Examines the foundations of scientific research methodology in political and social science. Designed to introduce students to the basic conceptual, observational and analytical methods of empirical research in political science and related social sciences. 3 units.

**GOVT 110. Political Thought I.** History of political theory, covering some important thinkers and topics during the Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern periods. 3 units.

**GOVT 111. Political Thought II.** History of political theory, covering some important thinkers and topics from the Early Modern period to the early 20th century. 3 units.

**GOVT 112. Current Political Thought.** Current issues in political thought, with emphasis upon developments in the political philosophies of democracy, fascism, communism, conservatism, liberalism. Ideas are analyzed with reference to assumptions on which they are based and their relevance for political institutions and problems. 3 units.

**GOVT 113. American Political Thought.** Assessment of ideas that are central to the development of an American political tradition, as those ideas influence government at the federal, state and local levels. Meets the state requirements in U.S. Constitution and California State and Local Government. 3 units.

**GOVT 115. Democratic Theory.** Introduction to basic questions of democracy. Draws on classical and contemporary writings to explore what democracy means and various forms of democratic government, politics, and culture: direct, representative, liberal, republican, pluralist, elitist. Specific topics may include: definitions of democracy, justifications for democracy, arguments for increasing or limiting democratic participation, tasks of political representatives, democratization of social institutions, and the relationship between globalization and democracy. 3 units.

**GOVT 116. Paths to Freedom.** Survey of the major writings in the field of anarchism, libertarian socialism, individualism, and liberty. **Prerequisite:** Passing score on the WPE. 3 units.

**GOVT 117. Black Political Thought.** Systematically and analytically introduces the predominant political trends and concepts presently entertained and harbored in the Black Community. A necessary adjunct to this dialogue is the racist theme in American society since on balance this is the matrix out of which the political alternatives and concepts grew. Cross-listed as ETHN 117; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 118. Just War, Natural Right, and the Law of Nations.** Examines fundamental conceptual questions about morality, law, and international relations through great works of political theory. Topics will cover natural right, sovereignty, just war, imperialism, national security, and international obligations. Authors read will include Thucydides, Aristotle, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Grotius, Montesquieu, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Mill and Nietzsche. 3 units.

**GOVT 119. Specialized Studies in Political Theory.** Designed to give political theory students an opportunity to reflect on the purpose of political theory and the contributions of political theorists. Students will be encouraged to explore in-depth a particular period, "ism", concept, theorist, or question. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with a different topic. 3 units.

**GOVT 119A. Socialism Marxism-Communism.** Analyzes the basic writings and ideas of Socialist and Marxist writers and the implications of their ideas. 3 units.

**GOVT 119B. Greek Political Thought.** Study of the political thought of Greece from Homer to Demosthenes, including Plato, Thucydides, Sophocles, and other Greek thinkers. Topics include the birth of democracy, the sciences and philosophy, Athens' rise to prominence, its defense of freedom against Persia, and its own development of an empire. Examination of Greek thoughts about justice, authority, freedom, equality, and culture. The events that shaped ideas and ideas that shaped events, as well as our understanding of the modern world, will be covered. 3 units.

**GOVT 119D. The Shaping of the Modern World.** In-depth studies of thinkers who have both shaped and reflected on the shaping of the modern world. For example, Lewis Mumford, Erich Fromm, Michael Harrington, C.B. MacPherson, Leo Strauss, Norman O. Brown. 3 units.

### *Public Law*

**GOVT 120A. Constitutional Law.** Basic junior level course in Public Law. A study of leading decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and other materials pertaining to the power of Congress, the President and the Judiciary; relations between states and nation; and civil rights. Considers such topics as the separation of powers, judicial review, Congress, and the President. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 120B. Constitutional Rights and Liberties.** Basic junior level course in Public Law. A study of rights and immunities under the U.S. Constitution: examines leading decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and other materials pertaining to freedom of expression, freedom of association, equality and due process of law. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 121. American Legal History.** Examines the interaction of law, society, and politics in America from the colonial period to the present with special emphasis on law as an arena of social and cultural conflict. Major topics include the development of the common law in early America; the law of slavery and its impact on constitutional development; the role of the law in defining controversies over race and gender; legal thought and education; and the role of the Supreme Court in 20th Century America. Cross-listed as HIST 121; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 122. The Law and Bureaucracy.** Examines constitutional and statutory limits of bureaucratic power in the American political system. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 123. Elements of Law.** Current legal thought in the U.S. with special emphasis on the relationship of law to history, economics, anthropology, and government; the nature of law; the role of legislators, lawyers, and judges in making the legal system. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 125. Politics of Justice.** Examination of issues relating to power, authority and liberty within the criminal justice system. Emphasis is on the case approach to the politics of criminal law and procedure. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 126. Politics and Lawyers.** Examines and analyzes the pervasiveness of lawyers and their activities in political realities; what do lawyers do; politics of prosecution and defense; politics within the profession; professional mobility; politics of the judiciary; lawyers in government. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. Fall only. 3 units.

**GOVT 127. Elements of International Law.** While tracing the evolution of historical antecedents, centers upon modern literature in the field. The scope is broad and the problems vary, but among the areas to be studied are: 1) Is international law really law?; 2) historical foundations; 3) international legal institutions and structures; 4) supra-legal international orders, structures, and institutions and their meaning to international law; 5) world order and world law; and 6) an international "Bill of Rights." **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 128. Environment and the Law.** Introduction to environmental law, including: the evolution of environmental legislation, environmental issues in the court system, environmental regulation and administrative law and environmental torts. Emphasis is on understanding legal process and the special challenges environmental problems present to the legal system. **Prerequisite:** ENVS 110 or ENVS 111, or consent of instructor. Cross-listed as ENVS 128; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 129A. Special Studies in Public Law.** Seminar introduces students to the investigation of questions in Public Law. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research and present findings. 3 units.

### *International and Comparative Politics*

**GOVT 130. International Politics.** Basic junior-level course in International Relations. Current international tensions; the motivating forces influencing world politics; and the role of diplomacy and international organizations in resolving conflicts. 3 units.

**GOVT 131. International Organization.** Examines human efforts to create supranational organizations to promote world peace and prosperity. The focus will be on social, political, and economic activities and problems which have developed and proliferated since the end of the second World War. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 132. War and Peace in the Nuclear Age.** Covers the discovery of atomic fission, the development of the atomic bomb and the evolution of U.S. nuclear weapons and strategy from 1945 to the present. It examines political, strategic, bureaucratic, economic and cultural forces that have shaped U.S. nuclear policy since Hiroshima. The problem of international security in the Nuclear Age is also addressed. 3 units.

**GOVT 133. American Defense and National Security.** Analyzes U.S. security policy, looking at the structure and ideologies of the security system, the requirements of national defense, and the roles played by conventional and nuclear weapons in protecting and promoting American security. 3 units.

**GOVT 134. War, Peace and the Mass Media.** Concerned with the relationship of mass media to war and the possibilities for peace, with emphasis on recent concepts of political communication. Cross-listed as JOUR 134; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 135. American Foreign Policy.** Institutions, practices and development of American foreign policy; the interaction of domestic and foreign factors on the formulating of American foreign policy since World War II. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 136. International Political Economy.** Analyzes the interaction between politics and economics at the international level. Covers basic theoretical approaches; historical evolution of international economy; creation and role of international financial institutions; development issues; globalization and integration. 3 units.

**GOVT 137. Nationalism.** Focuses on major theories of nationalism. Examines the literature dealing with theories explaining the emergence of nationalism and its political consequences; develops a comprehensive set of empirical indicators of nationalism, together with several working hypotheses regarding political manifestations of nationalism; provides the analytic frame for understanding nationalism; and applies theories to explain political behaviors of nations. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 035 or GOVT 130 or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 138. U.N. Simulation.** Seminar experience for upper level Government and International Relations concentration majors. Students will prepare for and participate in a national intercollegiate model UN conference. **Note:** Course repeatable with instructor permission. **Prerequisite:** Junior status or above, a minimum 3.0 GPA in the major, GOVT 130 and/or GOVT 140, or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 139. Special Studies in International Politics.** Seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in International Politics. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research, and present findings. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor. **Prerequisite:** Government major or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 139A. Globalization.** Explores the nature of, and issues in, globalization. It does so in five parts. Part I examines alternative conceptions of globalization. Part II identifies and examines the primary forms of economic globalization. Part III considers globalization's effects on the territorial state, the welfare state, organized violence, culture, immigration, gender, and the environment. Part IV investigates the politics of the anti-globalization backlash. Part V concludes with an assessment of the shape and future of contemporary globalization. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 139G. Intelligence and Espionage.** Involves students in the study of the field of intelligence, as it relates to national security, foreign policy, law and ethics. Comparative analysis of the practice and experience of the U.S., the former Soviet Union and other nations will be emphasized. 3 units.

**GOVT 140. The Study of Comparative Government and Politics.** Survey of the field of comparative government and politics including a review of historic uses of comparison in political science research but with emphasis on the methods of study and analytical means of research currently employed. The subject matter of study: national political systems of all types and the component parts of political systems will be an integral feature. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 141. Politics of the African Diaspora.** Examines the social, political, cultural, and economic factors which have been important to the African diaspora. Examines how African people have responded to those factors, both in terms of formal, political thought, and in terms of political movements and political institutions. Examines thought and practice, comparability to Africa, U.S., Caribbean, Central and South America. Cross-listed as ETHN 141; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 142. Government and Politics in Africa.** Deals with the politics and governments of Africa. The most important themes concern precolonial African systems, colonialism, nationalism and nation-building. Previous exposure to African Studies is desired but not required. 3 units.

**GOVT 143. Global Politics.** Politics at the global level, stressing the full range of issues and problems relating to conflict and cooperation among nations, and relationship between governments and their foreign politics, and on other similarities and differences among nations' governmental institutions, structure and processes. (Students may not count both GOVT 035 and GOVT 143 in the major). 3 units.

**GOVT 144. Government and Politics in Europe.** Study of national and regional politics, governmental institutions and public problems in Europe since 1945. In different semesters there may be investigation of several, but varying, national systems, of cross-national political behavior, or of regional integration processes. May be taken more than once if there are different topics and instructor permission. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 145. China: Politics of Rule and Change.** Examines the nature of the political, economic and social developments in China since 1949. What have been the major changes in policies? What problems did these changes present? How do the changes reflect the tension between socialist ideals and the need to modernize in a third world country? Changes since the death of Mao will be examined in the context of earlier ideas and strategies. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 147. Latin American Government and Politics.** Two-part examination of government, politics, political change and political groups in Latin America. Part one examines the development of government, politics, political change and political groups. Part two presents national case studies. 3 units.

**GOVT 148. Governments and Politics in the Middle East.**

Survey of the governmental institutions and the political processes in the region, with emphasis on the problems of social change. Focuses on the colonial situation, the growth of nationalism, the revolution of rising expectations, Islamic political theory and its contemporary manifestations, the role of the military, and the current regional conflicts. 3 units.

**GOVT 149. Special Studies in Comparative Government.**

Seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in comparative government. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research and present findings. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with a different topic. 3 units.

**GOVT 149A. Original Research in Comparative Politics.**

Students will engage in a cross-national research agenda. Students will conduct original research in comparative politics, which requires an appreciation for distinct learning cultures in different countries. Countries acceptable for comparison will vary with instructor. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**American Governments, Politics and Policy**

**GOVT 150. American Governments.** Federal system of government; the U.S. Constitution; legislative, executive, and judicial processes; political parties, interest groups, and the relationships and obligations of citizens to their government(s). Fulfills the California state graduation and credential requirements for U.S. Constitution and California State and Local Government. May be substituted for GOVT 001, but may not be used as an elective toward the major. 3 units.

**GOVT 151. Bureaucracy.** Evaluation of the role and background of a professionalized bureaucracy with references to American national, state and local administrative systems as well as non-American administrative systems. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 153. The American Presidency.** Examines the development of the Presidency as an institution; sources and uses of presidential power in contemporary politics; the President's relationship with Congress and the bureaucracy; and current issues relating to the office. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. Fall only. 3 units.

**GOVT 154. Political Parties and Campaigning.** Examination and analysis of political parties. The nature and functions of political parties; party systems, third parties; party organization, the nominating process; campaigns and elections; campaign financing; the party in government. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 155. The Legislative Process.** Examination and analysis of the institutions, the people and the behavior that make up the legislative process. Considers the nature of representation and the role and impact of such factors as committee structure, political parties, interest groups, and others on public policy. Focus is on both the U.S. Congress and the California State Legislature. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 156. Pressure Groups and Lobbying.** Examination and analysis of pressure groups and lobbying in the U.S. and California. The nature, role, organization and operation of pressure groups; their techniques and influences in public policy-making and the political process, with emphasis on California lobbying and the legislative process. Representative pressure groups will be studied. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 157. Politics, Opinion, and Participation.** How we learn and change our political beliefs, including the influence of media, religion and social standing. The various forms of political participation; who participates and who doesn't and why. The meaning and conduct of elections in the modern era. 3 units.

**GOVT 158. Mass Media and American Politics.** Focuses on the role the mass media plays in the political life of our democracy. Five primary topics are covered: the proper media role in a democracy; the relationship between the media, public opinion and agenda setting; the effects of media coverage on campaigns, elections, and voting; how elected officials influence and "spin" coverage; and the impact of media on policy-making. Students will develop critical analysis skills and emerge as more savvy media consumers and citizens. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001. 3 units.

**GOVT 159B. American Politics Seminar: Problems in Democratic Institutions.** Examines the concept of representation and how it functions in the U.S. Congress and in state legislatures. In the first section different meanings of representation are discussed. In the second section interactions between legislators and their constituents are explored. Finally, the tradeoffs to different designs of representative institutions are studied. 3 units.

**GOVT 162. American Film and Culture in the Nuclear Age.**

Explores the impact of the revolutionary change represented by the atomic bomb on forms of cultural response and expression in America. Attempts to analyze the bomb-culture relationship by reviewing important films, television programs, novels, essays, music and poetry that revealed, and helped shape, the hopes and anxieties that have characterized life in the nuclear age. 3 units.

**GOVT 163. Introduction to Black Politics in the U.S.** Examines historically and currently the political life of black people in the U.S. Emphasis on understanding underlying conditions. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 164. History of American Capitalism.** Traces the development of the relationship between business and government in the U.S., especially in relation to state and federal regulations of those industries. Examines how individual entrepreneurs and regulators have contributed to the development of the modern American political economy. Cross-listed as HIST 164; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 165. Politics of the Underrepresented.** Examines the phenomenon of political underrepresentation in the U.S.A. It will identify significant affected groupings, examine the conditions which have resulted in such underrepresentation, evaluate the effects of underrepresentation on the lives of affected groups, and consider relevant political strategies. Emphasis on particular groups may vary with instructor. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent; passing score on the WPE. 3 units.

**GOVT 166. Women and Politics in Contemporary America.**

Examination and evaluation of several approaches to women's equality in America today. A brief historical examination of the political aspects of the women's movement. A more thorough examination of the various factions; moderate, radical, and revolutionary. Such approaches as community projects, electoral politics, consciousness raising, separatism, and violent revolution will all be individually considered. Open to both sexes. Cross-listed as WOMS 166; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 167. American Political Development.** Focuses on key transformative sequences in American political history and their consequences. Topics include the nature of American political culture and its role in shaping U.S. political institutions and public policy; the process of government growth or "state building"; the role of political institutions in channeling societal demands and influencing public policy; the nature of American party systems or "regimes" and the electoral "realignments" that link them; and connections between long-term economic and political cycles. 3 units.

**GOVT 169A. Science, Technology, and Politics.** Social and political dimensions of science and technology. Examines how science and technology both shape politics and are shaped by politics. Considers the role of scientific advisors in government and society; dilemmas of expert authority and bias; relations between experts and non-experts; science and technology in popular culture; science and technology policy; implications of emerging technologies such as genetic engineering and the Internet for civil rights, moral values, and democracy. 3 units.

**GOVT 170. Public Policy Development.** Examines the policy development process in the U.S. by exploring the ideological predispositions of the American public, the analytical approaches applied to policy development and assessment, and the institutional and political environment in which policy is made. Typically, the understanding derived from this examination is applied to several policy issues of current interest. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent; passing score on the WPE. 3 units.

**GOVT 171. Environmental Politics and Policy.** Politics of human interaction with land, air and water. Political analysis of agenda setting, policy formation and administration (national, state, and local) of environmental programs. Focus on contemporary issues such as energy alternatives, management of toxics, land development, and pollution control. Cross-listed as ENV5 171; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 179. Politics, Planning and Land Use.** Overview of the interplay between political, economic and legal forces as they overlap in the field of land use policy, with special focus on local government and the growth of the modern metropolitan area. 3 units.

### *State and Local Governments*

**GOVT 180. California State and Local Government.** California state, city and county politics and government. Comparisons with governments in other states. Meets State requirements in California State and Local Governments. Permits students who have fulfilled U.S. Constitution requirement in another state to meet graduation requirements for California State and Local Governments. 3 units.

**GOVT 182. Seminar in California Government and Politics (Sacramento Semester Program).** Analyzes contemporary California government, politics, and decision making. Group and individual research. Methods and resources for research. Limited to Sacramento Semester participants. 3-6 units.

**GOVT 184. Introduction to Urban Politics.** Problems of urban areas and proposed solutions; politics and government. May be offered as lecture-discussion class or as a seminar. Field study may be required. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 or equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 189. Special Studies in State and Local Government and Politics.** Seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in State and Local Government and Politics. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research, and present findings. Government majors or permission of instructor. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 195. Government Internship.** Supervised work experience in an approved legislative or administrative office at some level of local or state government, or in a politically-related organization that is concerned with government. Supervision is provided by the faculty instructor and responsible officials in the work situation. **Note:** Open to all upper division students, subject to instructor permission. Non-majors may satisfy the prerequisite by passing an examination in California State and Local Government. No more than 6 units of GOVT 195 may be counted toward the major. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 180 or GOVT 182 previously or concurrently. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 195A. Internship.** **Prerequisite:** Passing score on the WPE. Minimum GPA of 2.5 (both in the major and overall). Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 195B. Internship Sacramento Semester.** **Prerequisite:** Minimum GPA of 2.5 (both in the major and overall). Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 195D. Internship - Washington D.C.** **Prerequisite:** Passing score on the WPE. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 196. Experimental Offerings in Government.** Small seminars or lecture discussion classes designed to study a subject of particular interest to an instructor or to students or to explore a topic of especially timely concern. Students may take any number of these courses, provided they differ in their subject of study. The Schedule of Classes shows the type of classes and the topics covered at that time. Course descriptions will be available in the department office before the semester begins. No more than 6 units of 196 may be counted toward the Major. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 199. Independent Studies.** Permits a student to pursue study and research in an area not otherwise available through the regular curriculum. Open only to upper division Government majors with at least a 3.0 GPA in the major. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 001 and nine units upper division government courses. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

### Graduate Courses

**GOVT 200. Method and Scope in Political Science.** Introduction to the philosophy of science, and the scope and methods of empirical research in political, social and policy science. In the area of philosophy of science, focuses on the logic of scientific inquiry, theory testing and confirmation and causal explanation. In the area of scope and methods, critically examines the scientific merits of several competing approaches to the study of politics and policy, as well as some of the major methodological controversies and debates in the literature. **Prerequisite:** STAT 001 or its equivalent. 3 units.

**GOVT 210. Political Theory.** Historical and social roots, democratic or authoritarian ideologies; the conflict of ideologies; philosophic approaches. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 219. Specialized Studies in Political Theory.** Makes it possible for political theory students to deal with questions which theorists have asked, and to attempt to answer such questions for themselves. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** Instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 220. Public Law.** Supreme Court in contemporary America; examination of significant cases and issues; law and the courts in democratic society. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 230. Theories of International Relations.** Examination of the theory and practice of international relations including such subfields as international law, international organization, foreign policy and national security policy. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** Upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. Cross-listed as IA 210; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 236. Seminar in International Political Economy.** This seminar is a graduate-level introduction to the theory and substance of international political economy (IPE). It examines the various theoretical approaches to IPE; considers the role of trade, money, and finance in the international political economy; analyzes the pattern and structure of global production, with an emphasis on multinational corporations; surveys international development issues, including Third World economic development strategies, the debt crises, structural adjustment, and economies in transition; and investigates the politics of globalization. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. Cross-listed as IA 221; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 239. Globalization and International Relations.** Introduction to the theories and substance of globalization. It examines alternative theories of globalization; considers globalization's political impact on the territorial state, regionalism, the welfare state, the military, immigration, and the environment; investigates the politics of the anti-globalization backlash; and concludes with an assessment of the future political trends of globalization. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in international relations or instructor permission. Cross-listed as IA 230; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 240. Comparative Government and Politics.** Advanced study of some of the world's governmental and political systems. May focus on single countries, groups of countries or general categories of systems. Considers theoretical concept and methodology. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** Advanced course in the field. Cross-listed as IA 222; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.



**GOVT 249. Comparative Politics: Area Studies.** Seminar to provide in-depth examination of government and politics in specific geographic areas. Students are exposed to general view of subject and to a detailed examination of a single country, specific political figures or types of institutions. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. 3 units.

**GOVT 249A. Middle East Politics and the United States.** Graduate introduction to politics and governments of the Middle East and the impact of the United States foreign policy in the region. Relies on a comparative frame to tease out the causes of intrastate and interstate conflicts in the region, as well as the effects of the American foreign policy on the contemporary political trends in the Middle East, including those relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Islamic political resurgence, and terrorism. **Prerequisite:** Instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 250. Basic Issues of American Government.** Exploration in-depth of topics such as federalism, executive-legislative relationships, problems of representation, government reorganization, congressional reform, the electoral process. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 270. Public Policy and the Political Processes.** Instruments and institutions for effecting political change; parties, pressure groups, public opinion. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or instructor permission. 3 units.

**GOVT 280. State Politics.** Includes a description and analysis of the place of the states in the federal system. The policy problems and political processes of state government will be evaluated. Content may be directed toward a particular state or region as a means of illustrating the problems faced by state governments. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. 3 units.

**GOVT 284. Urban Politics.** In-depth exploration of the socio-economic problems of urban and metropolitan areas and an evaluation of proposed political and governmental solutions. **Note:** May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. Cross-listed as PPA 284; only one may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 293A. Senate Fellows Introductory Seminar.** Intensive examination and analysis of the operation of the State Capitol and the larger political environment of political parties, interest groups, and public opinion. **Note:** Open only to students admitted to the Senate Fellows Program. 3 units.

**GOVT 293B. Senate Fellows Research Seminar.** Seminar will analyze procedural issues and public policy questions in contemporary California politics. Original research will be undertaken. **Note:** Open only to students admitted to the Senate Fellows Program. 3 units.

**GOVT 294A. Assembly Fellows Introductory Seminar.** Intensive examination of state and local governmental institutions and processes. A critique of their current and future viability and an analysis of the problems and potential of fundamental political reform in California. **Note:** Open only to students admitted to the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program. 3 units.

**GOVT 294B. Assembly Fellows Policy and Research Seminar.** Seminar focuses on current California policy issues through group reading assignments and interaction with practitioners. Students will also prepare a major policy paper for inclusion in the program's annual policy journal. **Note:** Open only to students admitted to the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program. 3 units.

**GOVT 295. Government Internship.** Supervised work experience in an approved legislative or administrative office at some level of local or state government, or in a politically-related organization that is concerned with government. Supervision is provided by the faculty instructor and responsible officials in the work situation. **Note:** Open to all graduate students, subject to instructor permission. No more than 3 units of GOVT 295 may be counted toward the Master's degree. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**GOVT 296. Experimental Offerings in Government.** Occasionally courses may be offered under this number. Some will be small seminars, some regular lecture-discussion classes, and some mass-lecture classes. They are designed to study a subject of particular interest to an instructor or to students or to explore a topic of especially timely concern. Students may take any number of these courses, provided they differ in their subject of study. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

**GOVT 299. Independent Study.** For advanced graduate students who have demonstrated their ability to carry on advanced, independent research. Permits a student to pursue study and research in an area not otherwise available through the regular curriculum. Student must be advanced to candidacy. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

**GOVT 500. Culminating Experience.** Should be taken after completion of all other requirements for the degree. Students may choose from the following options, which they must declare when they advance to candidacy: Thesis, Project, or Comprehensive Examination. **Prerequisite:** Advanced to candidacy. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.