



# GOVERNMENT

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
MINOR  
MASTER OF ARTS**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Government, or political science, is devoted to study of the theory and practice of government and politics. At CSUS 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. Several 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 their program. A special concentration in International Relations is also available.

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 Journalism.

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.

## FACULTY

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## FEATURES

Located in the state capital, the CSUS 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.

CSUS 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 Capitol. The heart of this program is six units of internship with the legislature or other state offices. An accompanying six 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 regular Government major in the late afternoon and evening hours.

## 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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## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS • BA

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Total units required for BA: 124

Total units required for Major: 36

**Courses in parentheses are prerequisites..**

**Note:** A “C” average is required in the Major.

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

- (3) Select one of the following:  
GOVT 1 Essentials of Government  
GOVT 150 American Governments

**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 1 or equivalent) **OR**  
GOVT 120B Constitutional Rights & Liberties (GOVT 1 or equivalent)  
(3) GOVT 130 International Politics  
(3) GOVT 160 Public Policy Development (GOVT 1 or equivalent. Passing score on WPE.)

**Note:** The Department recommends students take no more than two of these required courses a semester. GOVT 160 should be taken in the final year of a student’s undergraduate work.

- (9) Select one upper division course from three of the four following fields,\* or three upper division courses from one field:\*
- Political Theory
  - Public Law
  - International and Comparative Politics
  - American Governments, Politics, and Policy

**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:**

- 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.
- Students may count a maximum of 6 units of GOVT 195 (Internship), lower division courses, or related courses in other departments toward the major.
- Students may take a maximum of 6 units of GOVT 195 (Internship) within the major, but may use no more than three 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.

## International Relations Concentration

As an alternative to the major outlined above, students may pursue a major emphasizing international relations. Such a major takes the following form:

Total units required for Major: 42

**Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.**

**Note:** A “C” average is required in the Concentration.

**A. Prerequisite Requirements (0-6 units)**

While the International Relations concentration has no specific lower division requirements, students may offer GOVT 1, and GOVT 35 toward 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) Select one of the following:  
GOVT 112 Current Political Thought  
GOVT 116 Paths to Freedom  
GOVT 119A Socialism, Marxism & Communism  
GOVT 119C Utopianism  
GOVT 119D Shaping the Modern World  
GOVT 119E Ideologies  
(3) GOVT 130 International Politics  
(3) GOVT 133 American Defense & National Security Policy **OR**  
GOVT 135 American Foreign Policy (GOVT 1 or equivalent)  
(3) GOVT 140 The Study of Comparative Government & Politics (GOVT 1 or equivalent)

**C. Electives (21-27 units)**

Additional upper division courses to total 42 units. These must be drawn from among Government courses numbered from 130 through 149, unless an alternative is specifically authorized by an International Relations advisor before taking the course. Students may offer up to 12 units of work in other disciplines to satisfy in part this requirement. Courses taken in other disciplines must be connected to international relations. Students must obtain the approval of an International Relations advisor before taking a course in another discipline to satisfy this requirement. The Department expects that courses taken in other disciplines will be related to courses taken in Government in a coherent and logical way.



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 coursework 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 Student Phone Entry Registration (CASPER). All prospective graduate students, including CSUS graduates, must file the following with the Graduate Center:

- an application for admission and a supplemental application for graduate admission (Forms A and B in the CSU application booklet)
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than CSUS*
- 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
- 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 **and**
- completed GOVT 100 or its approved equivalent, a prerequisite to the program (does not count towards the degree) which must be taken before GOVT 200. Each student is also strongly urged (but not required) to complete a statistics course before finishing his/her degree **and**
- completed at least 15 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA **and**
- successfully met the writing proficiency requirement.

Advancement to Candidacy forms are available in the Graduate Center. 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 Graduate Center for approval.

### Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Government requires completion of 30 units of coursework with a minimum 3.0 GPA and no grade below a "C" (not a "C-").

Specific course requirements are:

#### A. Required Courses (15 units)

- (3) GOVT 200 Method & Scope in Political Science (GOVT 100, with a grade of "C" or better)
- (3) GOVT 210 Political Theory **OR**  
GOVT 219 Specialized Studies in Political Theory
- (3) GOVT 230 International Relations **OR**  
GOVT 240 Comparative Government & Politics
- (3) GOVT 250 Basic Issues of American Government **OR**  
GOVT 260 Political Processes
- (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 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

## Students Preparing for Further Graduate Study

The CSUS 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.

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## LOWER DIVISION COURSES

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**1. Essentials of Government.** A basic course which 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. (CAN GOVT 2)

**10. The Meaning of Government — An Introduction to Political Ideas.** An 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.

**35. World Politics.** A 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.

**96. 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.

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## UPPER DIVISION COURSES

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### Political Theory

**100. Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science.** An introductory course examining the foundations of scientific research methodology in political and social science. The course is designed to introduce students to the basic conceptual, observational and analytical methods of empirical research in political science and related social sciences. 3 units.

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

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

**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.

**113. American Political Thought.** An 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.

**115. Politics in Literature.** Course examines various issues of political theory as they are presented in drama, poetry, and novels. It is designed to enable students to recognize issues of politics and government as they are presented by dramatists, novelists, and poets in the context of their work. May be repeated for credit, provided the course content is significantly altered from semester to semester. 3 units.

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

**117. Black Political Thought.** Course 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. 3 units.

**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. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. 3 units.

### Public Law

**120A. Constitutional Law.** A 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**120B. Constitutional Rights and Liberties.** A 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**122. The Law and Bureaucracy.** Examines constitutional and statutory limits of bureaucratic power in the American political system. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**123. Elements of Law.** Current legal thought in the United States 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**124. Courts in the Political System.** An introductory study of the courts (federal and state) as political organs of government and their functions in the political system, with a survey of the literature dealing with traditional, conventional, and behavioral approaches to the judicial process. 3 units.

**125. Politics of Justice.** An 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**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 1 or equivalent. Fall only. 3 units.

**127. Elements of International Law.** While tracing the evolution of historical antecedents, the course will center 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**129. 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. May be repeated for credit with different topic. 3 units.

## International and Comparative Politics

**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.

**131. International Organization.** Course 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**132. War and Peace in the Nuclear Age.** This course 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.

**133. American Defense and National Security.** This course will analyze 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.

**135. American Foreign Policy.** The 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**138. U.N. Simulation.** Course examines key international issues by simulating the United Nations process. 3 units.

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

**139G. Intelligence and Espionage.** The course will involve 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 Soviet Union and other nations will be emphasized. Research will be encouraged into the intelligence process itself—analysis and estimates, from both private and governmental sources. Case studies of specific operations and covert actions are to be made where the materials available promise to be sufficient for valid reviews. 3 units.

**140. The Study of Comparative Government and Politics.** A 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 of the course. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**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 with ETHN 141 and only one of these course may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**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.

**143. Canadian Politics and Problems.** Canadian political system and processes. Special attention to national identity and integration problems, French-Canadian separatist phenomenon and United States economic and political roles and effects in Canadian politics. 3 units.

**144. Government and Politics in Europe.** A 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 with permission of instructor. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**145. China: Politics of Rule and Change.** This course 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**146. Government in the Former U.S.S.R.** The structure and processes of policy making in the government and politics of the former Soviet Union; particular attention to the impact of the development and decline of Marxist ideology and the emergence of the nationalities question. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**147. Latin American Government and Politics.** A 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.

**148. Governments and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa.** 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.

**149. Special Studies in Comparative Government.** A seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in comparative government. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research and present findings. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. 3 units.

## American Governments, Politics, and Policy

**150. American Governments.** The 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. 3 units.

**151. Bureaucracy.** An 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**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 1 or equivalent. Fall only. 3 units.

**154. Political Parties and Campaigning.** The 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**156. Pressure Groups and Lobbying.** An examination and analysis of pressure groups and lobbying in the United States 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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**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 participation; who participates and who doesn't and why. The meaning and conduct of elections in the modern era. 3 units.

**159. Special Studies in American Government.** A seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in American Government. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research, and present findings. May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor. **Prerequisite:** Government major or permission of instructor. 3 units.

**160. Public Policy Development.** Course examines the policy development process in the United States 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 1 or equivalent. Passing score on the WPE. 3 units.

**163. Introduction to Black Politics in the U.S.** A basic course examining historically and currently the political life of black people in the U.S. Emphasis on understanding underlying conditions. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**164. Entrepreneurs and Regulators: Private Enterprise and Public Policy.** Traces the development of the changing relationship between business and government in the United States. Examines the evolution of large industries including banks, railroads, public utilities, and airlines in relation to the development of 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 with HIST 164, only one of these courses may be counted for credit. 3 units.

**165. Politics of the Underrepresented.** This course will examine 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 1 or equivalent. Passing score on the WPE. 3 units.

**166. Women and Politics in Contemporary America.** An 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. 3 units.

**169. Special Studies in Public Policy.** A seminar to introduce students to the investigation of questions in Public Policy. Provides an opportunity to define a topic, conduct research and present findings. May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor. **Prerequisite:** Government major or permission of instructor. 3 units.

**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.

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

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## GRADUATE COURSES

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**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 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**185. Problems of Urbanization.** An examination, within the urban setting, of the problems generated by the political-economic system and the attempts by government and non-government agencies to solve these problems. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 1 or equivalent. 3 units.

**189. Special Studies in State and Local Government and Politics.** A 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. May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor. 3 units.

**195A-D. 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 permission of instructor*. 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 offered in the major. **Prerequisite:** GOVT 180 or 182 previously or concurrently. 1-6 units.

**195A. Internship. Prerequisite:** minimum score of 8 on the Writing Proficiency Exam. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (both in the major and overall) is required. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**195B. Internship Sacramento Semester.** A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (both in the major and overall) is required. Graded Credit/No Credit.

**195C. SAA Capital Internship Program.** Graded Credit/No Credit.

**195D. Internship — Washington D.C. Prerequisite:** minimum score of 8 on the Writing Proficiency Exam. Graded Credit/No Credit.

**196. Experimental Offerings in Government.** Occasionally courses are 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. The Schedule of Classes each semester will show 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 offered in the Major.* 1-6 units.

**199. Independent Studies.** The purpose of this course is to permit a student to pursue study and research in an area not otherwise available though the regular curriculum. Open only to upper division Government majors with at least a 3.0 GPA in the major. **Prerequisites:** GOVT 1 and nine units upper division Government courses. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

The courses listed below are ordinarily offered as small seminars but may on occasion be constituted as lecture-discussion classes. Course titles are not given in most cases; instead there is an indication of the area of Government studies to be considered. Specific titles may appear in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Courses so indicated may be repeated for credit upon approval of the Department chair or Graduate Coordinator.

**200. Method and Scope in Political Science.** A graduate level 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, the course focuses on the logic of scientific inquiry, theory testing and confirmation and causal explanation. In the area of scope and methods, the course 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:** GOVT 100 with a grade of "C" (not "C-") or better. 3 units.

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

**219. Specialized Studies in Political Theory.** The purpose of this course is to make it possible for political theory students to deal with questions which theorists have asked, and attempt to answer such questions for themselves. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** Permission of instructor. 3 units.

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

**230. International Relations.** An examination of the theory and practice of international relations including such subfields as international law, international organization, foreign policy and national security policy. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** Upper division course in the field and/or permission of the instructor. 3 units.

**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. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. Cross-listed as IA 222, only one of these courses may be counted for credit. **Prerequisite:** Advanced course in the field. 3 units.

**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. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. 3 units.

**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. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. **Prerequisite:** An upper division course in the field and/or permission of the instructor. 3 units.



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

**280. State Politics.** This course will include 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. The course content may be directed toward a particular state or region as a means of illustrating the problems faced by state governments. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. 3 units.

**284. Urban Politics.** Exploration in depth of the socio-economic problems of urban and metropolitan areas and evaluation of proposed political and governmental solutions. May be repeated for credit with permission of Graduate Coordinator. 3 units.

**293A. Senate Associates 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 Associates Program. 3 units.

**293B. Senate Associates 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 Associates Program. 3 units.

**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 participating in the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program. 3 units.

**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 participating in the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program. 3 units.

**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. Open to all graduate students, subject to permission of instructor. No more than 3 units of GOVT 295 may be offered for the Master's degree. Normally 6 units but 3 units in exceptional cases with permission of instructor. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-6 units.

**296. Experimental Offerings in Government.** Many courses are 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. 3 units.

**297A. Executive 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 Executive Fellows Program. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

**297B. Executive 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 Executive Fellows Program. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.

**299. Independent Study.** For advanced graduate students who have demonstrated their ability to carry on advanced, independent research. The purpose of this course is to permit 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.

**500. Culminating Experience.** Open only to students who have been advanced to candidacy. 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. Graded Credit/No Credit. 3 units.