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This is a tough time for the country, but an important time to be studying politics.
FALL 2020: IT’S GOING TO BE OKAY
Orientation Summary

- Take POSC 100-10 this Fall
- Schedule some GEs
- Get the details on your online classes
- Plan for the future, but don’t stress (yet)
- Get regular advising
POSC 100-10, American Government

Every student has to take POSC 100. It’s also the prerequisite for ... everything in POSC.

We’ve set aside a section just for majors, POSC 100-10.

• Your own cohort
• Advising help
• Advice from former alumni (from campaigns, law, law enforcement, journalism, business, and more)
• (taught by me)
Take Some GE Courses

CATALOG YEAR FALL 2019 AND LATER

A. CORE COMPETENCIES (9 UNITS)

Note: A grade of "C-" (1.7) or better is required in Areas A1, A2, and A3. A "D+" (1.3) or below is not sufficient to satisfy these requirements.

- A.1. Oral Communications (3 units)
- A.2. Written Communication (3 units)
- A.3. Critical Thinking (3 units)

B. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (12-13 UNITS)

Note: + indicates a course is a lab or includes a lab
Consult the Road Map

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But **don’t stress** if some classes are already full

Worst case: 48 (POSC) + 48 (GE) = 96 hours

120 (graduating) -96 = **24 hours**, or at least 8 classes outside of each

Also: double-counting!
CLASSES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19
Take the Initiative

1. Read your syllabi carefully
2. (Politely) get your professors to help you; assert your needs
3. Keep your original time slots free until you know otherwise
4. Figure out your internet situation
5. Get and use a calendar; online class management can be tough
It’s your first year; you have time to figure things out

But it’s also good to start planning for your future
POSC Classes after 100 ...

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR?

Division of Politics, Administration & Justice
The Major’s Requirements

A few **required** classes

• Such as POSC 340

Some **breadth** requirements

• Taking classes from our subfields; usually 300-level

**Electives**

• Usually 400-level
Beyond the Classroom

Moot Court
Orange County Fellows
DC Scholars
Campaign Volunteers
Intelligence Scholars
Sacramento Semester
Regular advising is the key to a happy and organized college career.
Q&A Time!

Anything you’re not afraid to ask, I’m not afraid to (try to) answer.