Transfer Student Orientation

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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

Got 100?  
What to Take

Go Beyond the Classroom

Get the details on your online classes

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)
The Major

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR?

Division of Politics, Administration & justice
Major Requirements

A few required classes

- Example: POSC 340

Some breadth requirements

- 300 level classes that introduce a subfield

Electives

- Usually 400 level courses
What to Take in POSC

There are seats in some breadth classes (e.g. 315, 330, 350).

There are also multiple 400s with seats open (fulfills electives and/or your writing requirement).
Also Look to Round Out Your 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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*One course from C.3 or D.4 should overlay with GE Overlay Z
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
How to Handle Online Classes

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
Go 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.