



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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First-Year 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

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

FIRST SEMESTER

AREA (as listed on TDA)	COURSE	UNITS
G.E. subarea Area A.1 <i>Oral Communications</i>		3
G.E. subarea Area B.1 <i>Physical Science</i>		3
G.E. subarea Area B.3 <i>Laboratory Experience</i>		0-1
G.E. subarea C.1 <i>Intro to the Arts</i>		3
G.E. subarea D.3 <i>American Government</i>	<i>POSC 100</i>	3
<i>General Elective</i>		3

SECOND SEMESTER

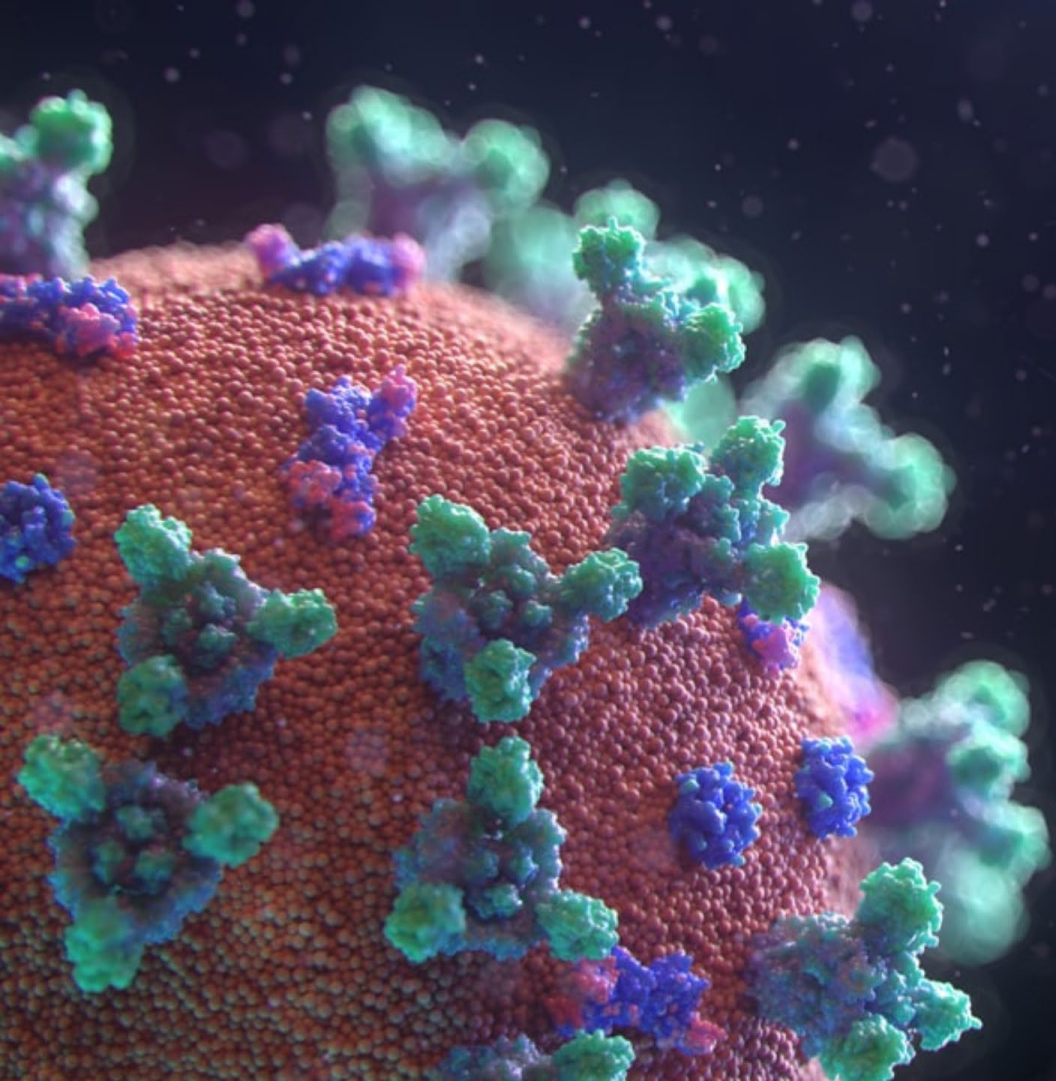
AREA (as listed on TDA)	COURSE	UNITS
G.E. subarea A.2 <i>Written Communication</i>		3
G.E. subarea B.4 <i>Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning</i>		3
G.E. subarea D.2 <i>American History</i>		3
Major Requirement <i>Introductory Requirements</i>	<i>POSC 200</i>	3
<i>General Elective</i>		3
Total		15

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

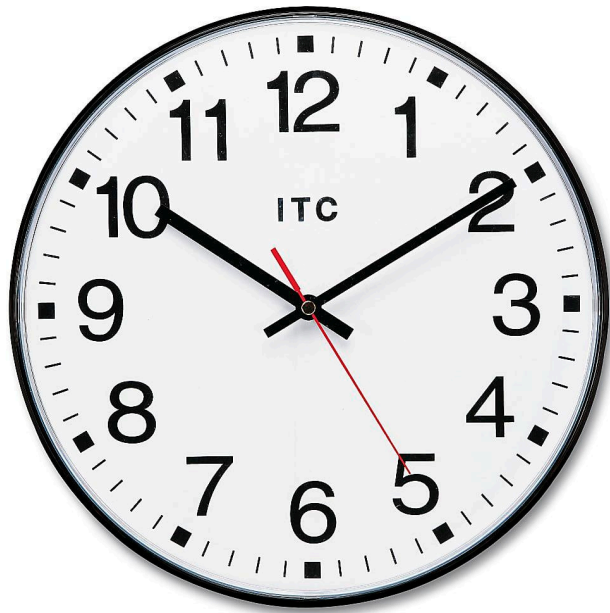
Also: double-counting!



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



But it's also good to start planning for your future



It's your first year; you have time to figure things out

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.