Law, Public Policy, and Society

This interdisciplinary area of emphasis focuses on the development of communication skills, introduces students to the legal field, and prepares students for further study in a variety of majors such as Political Science, Communication Studies, Economics, Philosophy, Social and Behavioral Sciences. Students who opt to pursue this course of study are encouraged to engage in further exploration of one or more specific majors as they select electives for degree completion.

Career Opportunities

The coursework required for this degree has been identified as good preparation for law school upon completion of a Bachelor’s degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Analyze social science concepts and theories
2. Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience
3. Produce evidence-based arguments.

AA-T Degree Requirements

Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Complete Core Courses, 25-27 units

1. Understanding the Law, 3 units
   BUS. 201 Business Law 3 units

2. Ethics, 3 units
   PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics 3 units

3. Oral Communication, choose 3 units from the following:
   Units
   COMM 110 Public Speaking 3 units
   COMM 127 Argumentation and Debate 3 units
   COMM 140 Small Group Communication 3 units

4. Written Communication, 3-5 units
   Units
   ENGL 100 Reading and Composition 3 units
   OR
   ENGL 105 Intensive Composition and Reading 5 units

5. Critical Thinking, choose 3 units from the following:
   Units
   ENGL 165 Advanced Composition 3 units
   PHIL 200 Introduction to Logic 3 units

6. Quantitative Reasoning, 4 units
   Units
   MATH 200 Elementary Probability and Statistics 4 units

7. US History, choose 3 units from the following:
   Units
   HIST 201 U.S. History through 1877 3 units
   HIST 202 U.S. History from 1877 to the Present 3 units

8. Introduction to American Government, 3 units
   Units
   PLSC 210 American Politics 3 units

Selective Courses, choose two courses from two of the areas listed below for a total of 6 units:

1. Economics, choose 3 units from the following:
   Units
   ECON 100 Principles of Macro Economics 3 units
   ECON 102 Principles of Micro Economics 3 units

2. Political Science, 3 units
   Units
   PLSC 150 Introduction to Political Theory 3 units

3. Public Policy, 3 units
   Units
   SOCI 105 Social Problems 3 units

4. Diversity, choose 3 units from the following:
   Units
   COMM 150 Intercultural Communication 3 units
   SOCI 141 Ethnicity and Race in Society 3 units
General Education - certified completion of one of the following:
- California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth),
- OR
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC/CSU) pattern

Elective courses: If applicable, additional courses to meet the minimum 60 CSU transferable units requirement.

Please refer to Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Requirements for more information.