

# UCLA

## Student Learning Outcomes for the B.A. in Political Science

Students completing the Political Science B.A. major are expected to:

- think critically about basic political processes, institutions, and concepts as these operate in different national and cultural contexts. Evaluate arguments in an impartial fashion.
- locate, evaluate, and use information and scholarship needed to place particular political events in broader historical, cross-national, and theoretical contexts. Demonstrate familiarity with various approaches to the study of politics, and their application to specific questions, puzzles, and debates.
- apply mathematical and logical reasoning to political processes, and use and evaluate statistical and other types of evidence in arguments, while recognizing the limits of both quantitative and non-quantitative analysis.
- acquire a knowledge of diverse theories of politics, by engaging critically with texts, media, and contexts. Learn to employ cultural, hermeneutical, normative and historical approaches.
- make written and oral arguments about significant political processes, events, and concepts using appropriate evidence, with sensitivity to opposing perspectives.