

Important Changes to Political Science (POL) and International Affairs (INTA) Major Requirements

Note that there are several important changes to POL and INTA requirements effective AY 2016 and AY 2017.

First, effective **Fall Semester 2016** the political inquiry requirement and the QR BOK requirement will change. POL 3000 will be discontinued and a new POL 1001 Power and Politics: Understanding the Political World will be offered instead.

Additionally, the department will offer a new POL 3001C Quantitative Research and Data analysis. This new course will be required for POL and INTA majors to fulfill the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) requirement in lieu of one of the Statistics (STAT) course.

How will that affect POL and INTA majors?

1. Everyone graduating before August 31, 2016 will NOT be affected. Those who will be graduating after August 2016 and have already completed POL 3000 still need to complete **two** STAT classes (6 credits) to fulfill the QR requirement.

2. Those who have NOT completed POL 3000 before August 2016 will need to sign up for POL 1001 (Power and Politics: Understanding the Political World). Also, they will be required to complete 3 STAT credits (1 class, choose one from STAT 1031 or 1034) **and** POL 3001C. Our plans are to offer POL 1001 Power and Politics every Fall and Spring semesters (not in the summer, so plan accordingly). POL 1001 is recommended for incoming Freshmen, Sophomores and transfer/ transition students.

Again, if you have already completed POL 3000 you will **NOT need** to take POL 1001. POL 3000 has been offered in the Summer 2016 and will count for this political inquiry requirement.

QR BOK Requirement: You need to complete 6 credits of QR by taking either STAT 1031 or 1034 for three credits **and** then taking the new course POL 3001C Quantitative Research and Data Analysis. Again, if you have completed the 6-hours (2 course sequence) of the QR requirement with STAT courses, you don't need to worry about the new requirement. Note the POL 3001C will be offered every Fall and Spring. It is recommended that students complete POL 3001C in their sophomore or junior year.

Second, effective Fall 2016, all INTA majors **will be required** to take **both POL 1060** (Comparative Politics) and **POL 1080** (International Relations) as a part of their Introductory Courses in Political Science. They can also choose to take additional coursework from POL 1010 (American Politics), 1040 (Political Theory) and 1090 (Law, Politics and Society).

Third, POL and INTA majors graduating in or after **December 2017** will be required to complete 27 (rather than 24) credit hours of upper-level POL Area of Emphasis and INTA Capstone and Groupings coursework. Additionally, INTA majors **graduating** in or after **December 2017** will be required to complete 12 credits or 4 introductory courses in Political Science (rather than 9 credits or 3 courses). Students should plan carefully their graduation date and make necessary adjustments to their schedules.

Please, note these changes and plan accordingly. They should not affect in any way the students' path to graduation and should not delay it. Feel free to consult your major or McMicken (gen. ed.) advisor if you have any questions or concerns.

We hope that the new requirements will serve better the needs for our majors. We thank our students for their understanding and support during the transition process. You can find your major advisor and their office hours here:

<http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/polisci/undergrad/advising.html>