

# POLITICAL ECONOMY

This major explores the intersection of economics with politics in domestic and international contexts. It prepares students for engagement with global and regional questions that require an analysis of economic and political phenomena and provides a useful background for a wide variety of entry positions in the public and private sectors.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Four core courses:

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Fundamental Principles of Calculus  
or Calculus I
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Four upper-division elective courses.  
Examples include:

- Government and Business
- International Trade
- U.S. Foreign Economic Policy
- International Political Economy of Development

One introductory course among the following:

- International Relations: Introductory Analysis
- Comparative Politics
- Law, Politics and Public Policy

Three upper-division economics courses. Examples include:

- Economics of Less Developed Countries
- Urban Economics
- Economic Policy Issues

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Center for the Political Future Unruh Institute of Politics:** The mission of the Unruh Institute of Politics is to motivate students to become active in the world of politics and to encourage public officials to participate in the daily life of USC. The Unruh Research in Applied Politics Program supports research that addresses political topics of concern to the polity.

**The Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab:** The SPEC Lab conducts interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research on issues at the intersection of climate change, security, and economic development. These research projects provide opportunities for undergraduate students to develop data science and other research skills and apply them directly to the policy challenges facing national governments and international institutions

**Study Abroad:** Explore political issues on the international scale in locations ranging from Cairo to Sao Paulo, Florence to Tokyo.

**USC Economics Review:** The review is run by an undergraduate editorial board and aims to offer student analysis on high-level topics that is engaging and educational for the university and greater communities.