Politics Course Substitution Policy

This policy applies to students who wish to fulfill any of the requirements for a UCSC Politics major with classes taken at other institutions—this typically means transfer students, UCSC students who have studied abroad whether through EAP or another study abroad program, and UCSC students who have participated in UCDC.

General Guidelines:
All course substitution requests are subject to the following six general guidelines.

1) Only the requirements for lower-division and upper-division Politics electives may be fulfilled through course substitution. All seminars and core courses are excluded.

2) A maximum of 3 classes taken at institutions outside of UCSC may count towards the requirements for a UCSC politics major.

3) There is no prior approval of courses for substitution.

4) At a minimum, in order for a course to be considered for substitution, it must count for 4 or 5 credits in the UCSC system, and the student must have earned at least a C.

5) Only Political Science courses (or courses from the equivalent department) may be considered for substitution.

6) For substitution of a Politics upper-division elective, the course must be designated as upper-division or advanced.

Specific Guidelines:
In addition to the general guidelines above, the following guidelines apply to the cases indicated:

A) Students who have taken classes at other UC campuses (including UCDC):

1) Political Science courses will generally be eligible for substitution.

2) Politics 194 A/B combined will be eligible for one course substitution, if the internship has a clear political focus.

B) Students transferring from non-UC colleges and universities:

1) Political Science courses will generally be eligible for substitution of the lower-division course requirement.

2) For substitution of a Politics upper-division elective, the course must be equivalent in difficulty to a UCSC Politics upper-division course.

C) UCSC students studying abroad:

1) For substitution of a Politics upper-division elective, the course must be equivalent in difficulty to a UCSC Politics upper-division course.

3) Students who are participating in study abroad programs that are not EAP can anticipate that their coursework will be scrutinized more closely than coursework taken as part of EAP.