INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Political Economy major studies the relationship between government, society, and the economy in a holistic manner from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Political Economy majors investigate how real-world market systems are embedded in both politics and society. Students graduate with a mastery of a broad range of contemporary analyses as well as a deep understanding of classic works of political economy.

The major’s unique characteristic is the concentration; each student selects a series of four courses that directly address a question that they would like to investigate. The program has pre-designed concentrations as well as the possibility for a self-designed one.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Join the Political Economy Students Association (PESA).
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Engage with political economy issues firsthand through study abroad.
- Complete a major paper or capstone project as part of an optional Senior Thesis.
- Apply to the year-long Honors Program.

To impact today’s world that’s undergoing rapid and tectonic shifts, the Political Economy degree provides exactly what’s needed: a deep and nuanced understanding of the multidimensional relationship between theory and practice, as well as ideology and impact.

- Toby Frankenstein, Class of 2006