College: CUPA  
Department: Political Science  
Degree: B.A., B.S.

Introduction  
The program in political science leading to the B.A. or B.S. degree is designed to meet the needs of the liberal arts major who wishes to learn more about public and international affairs, government, and the demands of citizenship. It is appropriate for professionally motivated students who wish to pursue careers in political science, public administration, international organizations, domestic government, communications, education, or law. It is also appropriate for inquiring students desiring to learn more about the way human beings live together and the structures and institutions they have developed (or might develop) to facilitate social cooperation and conflict management.

Undergraduate Program Learning Outcomes  

L.O. #1 Critical Thinking.  
Students are able to dissect social scientific and other statements on politics and government, and critically evaluate their arguments, evidence, and conclusions from multiple points of view.

L.O. #2 Knowledge of fields in political science.  
Students understand the foci of the major subfields of the academic discipline, including alternative theoretical perspectives and conventional wisdoms.

L.O. #3 Factual knowledge of political behavior and institutions.  
Students understand the governmental and nongovernmental political processes at work in the United States, other countries, and international society.

L.O. #4 Research and writing.  
Students can formulate a research question, evaluate the relevant political science literature and evidence, and communicate their findings clearly in writing, with proper references to source material.

L.O. #5 Research Methods.  
Students are competent consumers of political research employing different methods of investigation, and have the ability to apply one or more of these methods in their own research.

L.O. #6 Oral communication.  
Students can prepare an oral presentation on topic in political science, communicate the subject matter effectively to an audience of their peers, and field questions and comments.