

## POLITICAL SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEW

### External Review Panel:

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### **January 15, 2026**

External review team arrives at UCR – CEP Subcommittee Member Alec Haskel to transport reviewers to campus from Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center

9:00 – 9:30 am	External review team only	Senate conf. room 219, University Office Building (UOB)
9:30 – 10:00 am	Meet with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louie Rodriguez, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education (VPDUE)</li> <li>• Shana Welles, Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Subcommittee Chair</li> <li>• Alec Haskel, CEP Subcommittee Member</li> <li>• Annie Ditta, CEP Chair</li> </ul>	
10:00–11:00 am	Meets with Program Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Esterling, Chair, Department of Political Science</li> <li>• Yasemin Irepoglu Carreras, Chair, Undergraduate Committee</li> <li>• John Medearis, Professor</li> </ul>	
11:00–11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am–12:00 pm	Meets with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daryle Williams, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)</li> <li>• Covadonga Lamar Prieto, Associate Dean of Student Academic Affairs, CHASS</li> <li>• Kiril Tomoff, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, CHASS</li> </ul>	
12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch with Chairs of closely related programs, particularly those who teach prerequisite courses for program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcelle Chauvet, Chair, Department of Economics</li> <li>• Robert Clark, Chair, Department of Sociology</li> <li>• Dana Simmons, Chair, Department of Society, Environment, and Health Equity</li> <li>• Anthony Jerry, Chair, Department of Black Study</li> <li>• Bruce Babcock, Associate Dean, School of Public Policy</li> </ul>	
1:00–1:15 pm	Review Team Departs for Program Tour – Professor Bronwyn Leebaw to escort review team from UOB to program's space	Watkins Hall, room 2206, Chair's Office Conference Room
1:15-2:00 pm	Tour of Program's physical facilities including classrooms, laboratories, library, etc. led by Chair Kevin Esterling	
2:00-2:30 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Bishin, Professor</li> <li>• Indridi Indridason, Professor</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Weller, Associate Professor</li> </ul>	
2:30–3:00 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diogo Ferrari, Assistant Professor</li> <li>• Desireé Melonas, Assistant Professor</li> <li>• Nicholas Napolio, Assistant Professor</li> <li>• Joshua Wood, Assist. Prof. of Teaching</li> </ul>	
3:00–3:15 pm	Break	
3:15–3:45 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jana Gittersova, Associate Professor</li> <li>• Bronwyn Leebaw, Professor</li> <li>• Steven Liao, Associate Professor</li> <li>• Jennifer Merolla, Professor</li> </ul>	
3:45–4:45 pm	Meet with Students in the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alyssa Hale, Junior</li> <li>• Bryan Mendez, Freshman</li> <li>• Kashish Rai, Senior</li> </ul>	
5:00–6:00 pm	Program Hosted Reception	
External Reviewers Return to Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center—Chair Kevin Esterling to transport review team		

<b>January 16, 2026</b>		
External Reviewers Arrive at UCR—Professor Kelechi Kalu to transport reviewers to campus from Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center		
9:00–9:30 am	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelechi Kalu, Professor</li> <li>• Paul D'Anieri, Professor</li> </ul>	Watkins Hall, room 2206, Chair's Office Conference Room
9:30–10:00 am	Meet with Students in the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ninoshka Jovel-Perez, Freshman</li> <li>• Sean Cuevas, Junior</li> <li>• Valeria Carrillo, Junior</li> </ul>	
10:00–10:15 am	Break	
10:15–11:00 am	Meet with Program staff advisors and Career Services Center – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryan Barker, Undergraduate Academic Advisor</li> <li>• Donna Perez, Undergraduate Academic Advisor</li> <li>• Kristy Salazar Nugent, Undergraduate Academic Advisor</li> <li>• Career Services Center Staff</li> </ul>	
11:00–12:00 pm	Meet with Teaching Assistants, Lecturers, Lab Staff, etc. – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asher Yusim, Teaching Assistant</li> <li>• Fitore Sadiku, Teaching Assistant</li> <li>• Bea-Sim Ooi, Teaching Assistant</li> <li>• Bruce Bordner, Lecturer</li> <li>• Joseph Lake, Lecturer</li> </ul>	
12:00–12:15 pm	Professor Kelechi Kalu to escort reviewers to Academic Senate Office	Senate conf. room 219, UOB
12:15–1:00 pm	Closed session lunch	

1:00-1:30 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dan Biggers, Associate Professor</li><li>• Andrea Silva, Assoc. Professor of Teaching</li></ul>	Senate conf. room 220, UOB
1:30-2:00 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Cioffi, Associate Professor</li><li>• Marissa Brookes, Associate Professor</li><li>• Miguel Carreras, Professor</li></ul>	
2:00-2:30 pm	Meet with Faculty of the Program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ron Loveridge, Associate Professor</li><li>• Shaun Bowler, Professor</li><li>• Laura Evans, Associate Professor</li></ul>	
2:30 -2:45 pm	Break	
2:45-3:15 pm	Meet with <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kevin Esterling, Chair, Department of Political Science</li><li>• Yasemin Irepoglu Carreras, Chair, Undergraduate Committee</li><li>• John Medearis, Professor (Zoom)</li></ul>	
3:15-3:30 pm	Review Team only	
3:30-4:15 pm	Exit Interview with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elizabeth Watkins, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor</li><li>• Louie Rodriguez, VPDUE</li><li>• Daryle Williams, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)</li><li>• Covadonga Lamar Prieto, Associate Dean of Student Academic Affairs, CHASS</li><li>• Kiril Tomoff, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, CHASS</li><li>• Kevin Esterling, Chair, Department of Political Science</li><li>• Shana Welles, Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Subcommittee Chair</li><li>• Alec Haskel, CEP Subcommittee Member</li><li>• Annie Ditta, CEP Chair</li></ul>	
4:15-5:00 pm	External Review Team Wrap Up (If needed)	

Review Team departs Riverside – Taxi/Car Service to transport reviewers to Hotel or Airport if needed

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