

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

2:30–3:00 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diogo Ferrari, Assistant Professor • Desireé Melonas, Assistant Professor • Nicholas Napolio, Assistant Professor • Joshua Wood, Assist. Prof. of Teaching 	
3:00–3:15 pm	Break	
3:15–3:45 pm	Meet with Faculty of the program – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jana Gittersova, Associate Professor • Bronwyn Leebaw, Professor • Steven Liao, Associate Professor • Jennifer Merolla, Professor 	
3:45–4:45 pm	Meet with Students in the program - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyssa Hale, Junior • Bryan Mendez, Freshman • Kashish Rai, Senior 	
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

January 16, 2026		
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"> • Kelechi Kalu, Professor • Paul D'Anieri, Professor 	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"> • Ninoshka Jovel-Perez, Freshman • Sean Cuevas, Junior • Valeria Carrillo, Junior 	
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"> • Bryan Barker, Undergraduate Academic Advisor • Donna Perez, Undergraduate Academic Advisor • Kristy Salazar Nugent, Undergraduate Academic Advisor • Jonathan Sistona, Industry Outreach Specialist for Government, Education, Non-Profit and Arts, Career Services Center • Elizabeth Montgomery, Associate Director – Student and College Engagement, Career Services Center 	
11:00-12:00 pm	Meet with Teaching Assistants, Lecturers, Lab Staff, etc. – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asher Yusim, Teaching Assistant • Fitore Sadiku, Teaching Assistant • Bea-Sim Ooi, Teaching Assistant • Joseph Lake, Lecturer • Jeremy Busacca, Lecturer 	

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