

Faculty Part-Time Position Announcement: AY 2026-2027



The CSUN Department of Political Science is accepting applications for anticipated Part-Time Faculty Openings during the Academic Year 2026-2027

Application Deadline: March 23, 2026

Department

Department of Political Science

Effective Date of Appointment

Academic Year 2026-2027 (Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Anticipated Needs

Note: All part-time faculty appointments are temporary and do not confer academic rank. Final determination of part-time teaching assignments is contingent upon student enrollment figures and funding. In addition to teaching, the position requires weekly office hours and participation in assessment of student learning, and university. The successful candidate will be held to the standards and requirements of the college and department in which he/she/they is/are employed. Given CSUN's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and engagement in a diverse environment, the successful candidate will help the Department achieve equitable academic outcomes for all students through teaching, student mentorship, and scholarship.

Qualifications

1. With the exception of POLS 347, 450, 455, 457A, 457B, 471F, 496IL, and 496SX, applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Political Science or a closely related discipline, or be in the advanced stages of Ph.D. candidacy. Applicants in candidacy must have passed the comprehensive examination for a Ph.D. in Political Science or a closely related discipline and have an academic specialization in American Government, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Policy, Political Theory, or Research Methodology. Applicants must also demonstrate subject-matter expertise in the courses they are applying to teach, as well as university-level teaching experience in the relevant field(s).
2. For POLS 347, 450, 455, 457A, 457B, 471F, 496 IL, and 496SX, a J.D. from an ABA-accredited institution may be substituted for the Ph.D. or advanced Ph.D. candidacy requirement. Applicants must demonstrate subject-matter expertise in the specific courses they are applying to teach. Applicants must also have university-level teaching

experience in the field of law or a minimum of five years of professional experience as a licensed attorney.

3. Applicants must demonstrate a strong record of or the potential for teaching, mentoring, and working effectively with a diverse student population.

Salary Range

- Fractional amount of Base Salary (\$5507- \$6221) Paid in 6 Monthly Installments.

Current Courses or Specialization

- The AY 2026-2027 Schedule will be drawn from the courses listed below based on programmatic needs.
 - Jump to Lower Division Courses
 - Jump to Upper Division Courses
 - Jump to Graduate Level Courses

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Application Process:

Applicants must submit:

1. Cover Letter
2. Current Resume/ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 1. The resume should include educational background, prior teaching experience, evidence of scholarship, and/or related professional experience.
3. Evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g. teaching evaluations or letters of recommendation)
4. Sample Syllabus (Read CSUN's Syllabus Policy)
5. Temporary/Part-Time Teaching Interests Checklist
 1. Use this form to indicate which course or courses you are interested in teaching

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to:

By Email:

- Email Subject Line: **Lecturer application 2026-2027**
- **To:** keiko.hirata@csun.edu
- **CC:** sue.talavera@csun.edu

By Mail:

Dr. Keiko Hirata, Chair
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Application material required:

1. Cover Letter
2. Current Resume/ Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. Sample Syllabus ([Read CSUN's Syllabus Policy](#))
4. [Temporary/Part-Time Teaching Interests Checklist](#)
5. Incomplete Applications will not be considered

CSUN's Commitment to You:

CSUN is committed to achieving excellence through teaching, scholarship, learning and inclusion. Our values include respect for all people, building partnerships with the community and the encouragement of innovation, experimentation, and creativity. CSUN strives to cultivate a community in which a diverse population can learn and work in an atmosphere of civility and respect. CSUN is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence for all members of the university community.

As a Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI), inclusiveness and diversity are integral to CSUN's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and engagement. As of Fall 2024, CSUN enrolls ~36,848 students, where 56.3% are Latinx, 18.9% are White, 8.7% are Asian-American, 5.3% are Black/African American, 0.1% are Native American, and 0.1% are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

For more information about the University, [visit the CSUN website](#).

About the College:

For information visit the [CSUN College of Social and Behavioral Sciences website](#).

About the Department:

For information visit the [CSUN Department of Political Science website](#).

General Information:

At the time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work in the United States. Applicants must be authorized to work for any employer in the United States.

Please note: California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is currently not sponsoring applicants for H-1B employment that are subject to the \$100,000 fee established by the “Presidential Proclamation: Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers” issued on September 19, 2025. Applicants are responsible for determining the applicability of the fee.

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Northridge has made crime-reporting statistics available on-line (.pdf). Print copies are available by request from the Department of Police Services, the Office for Faculty Affairs, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

The person holding this position may be considered a 'mandated reporter' under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the status of applicants. **In accordance with the California State University (CSU) Out-of-State Employment Policy, the CSU is a state entity whose business operations reside within the State of California and prohibits hiring employees to perform CSU-related work outside of California.**

CSUN is an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, and disability. Our nondiscrimination policy is set forth in Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose by contacting Department of Political Science at (818) 677-3488.

Current Courses or Specialization

Visit the CSUN Catalog for Political Science course descriptions.

Lower division courses:

POLS155. American Political Institutions

POLS156. Introduction to Comparative Politics

POLS 197. Race and Ethnic Politics

POLS 225. Elements of International Relations

Upper division courses:

POLS 310. Problems of Political Economy

POLS 321. Comparative Political Ideologies

POLS 332. Politics of Latin America

POLS 347. The Judicial Process

POLS 350. Great Questions in Politics

POLS 355. American National, State and Local Governments

POLS 360. Public Administration

POLS 361. Introduction to Public Policy

POLS 372. Principles and Methods of Political Science

POLS 380. LA: Past, Present, Future

POLS 403. State and Local Government

POLS 404. Urban Politics

POLS 405. Policy Framing and Agenda Setting

POLS 406. Policy Implementation and Program Evaluation

POLS 407. Policy Implementation and Program Evaluation

POLS 410. Advanced Comparative Politics

POLS 411. Greek, Roman, and Medieval Political Theory

POLS 412. Modern Western Political Theory

POLS 413. American Political Thought

POLS 414. Western Political Theory in the 20th Century

POLS 420A-H. International Relations of Selected Areas

- A. Latin America
- B. Western Europe
- C. Eastern Europe
- D. Middle East
- E. Africa
- F. South Asia

G. Southeast Asia
H. Northeast Asia

POLS 421. The Politics of Development

POLS 422. International Politics

POLS 423. Security Studies

POLS 426. International Law

POLS 427A/L. Model United Nations I and Lab

POLS 428. International Organization

POLS 429. United States Foreign Policy

POLS 432A. Politics of Mexico

POLS 432B. Governments and Politics of South America

POLS 433A. The Politics of Central America

POLS 434A. Government and Politics of South Asia

POLS 434B. Government and Politics of Southeast Asia

POLS 435A. Government and Politics of China

POLS 435B. Government and Politics of Japan

POLS 436A. Government and Politics of Europe

POLS 438. Governments and Politics of the Middle East

POLS 439A. Government and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa

POLS 439B. Government and Politics of Southern Africa

POLS 440. American Political Parties and Politics

POLS 441. Interest Groups

POLS 441A. Latina/o Politics

POLS 443. Congress and the Legislative Process

POLS 444. Elections and Voting Behavior

POLS 445. Political Behavior

POLS 446. The Presidency

POLS 447A. Media & Politics

POLS 448. Women & Politics in the US & the World

POLS 449. The Politics of Community Action

POLS 450. Jurisprudence

POLS 455. Criminal Procedures

POLS 457A. Constitutional Law

POLS 457B. Constitutional Law II

POLS 460. Welfare State

POLS 461. Environmental Policy

POLS 462. Ethics in Politics and Administration

POLS 463. Public Personnel Administration

POLS 464. Comparative Public Policy

POLS 465. Administrative Behavior

POLS 466. The Politics of Public Spending

POLS 467. Urban Admin

POLS 469/L. City Planning and Lab

POLS 470 I/M The Politics of International Migration

POLS 471A-F. Proseminar

- A. American Government
- B. Comparative Government
- C. International Relations
- D. Political Theory

- E. Public Administration and Policy
- F. Public Law

POLS 480. The Politics of Globalization

POLS 481. Globalization, Gender and Democratization

POLS 490CA. Supervised Independent Project-California Government

POLS 494I. Political Science Internship

POLS 494J. Judicial Internship

POLS 496IL. Immigration Law

POLS 496M. The Politics of Climate Change

POLS 496SX. Sex and the Law

Graduate level courses:

POLS 522A-G. Seminar in International Relations

POLS 530A-J. Seminar in Comparative Government

POLS 540A-J. Seminar in American Government and Politics

POLS 570. Seminar in Political Theory

POLS 571. Seminar in Methodology.

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