

Political Science @ Cuyamaca College and Self-Service

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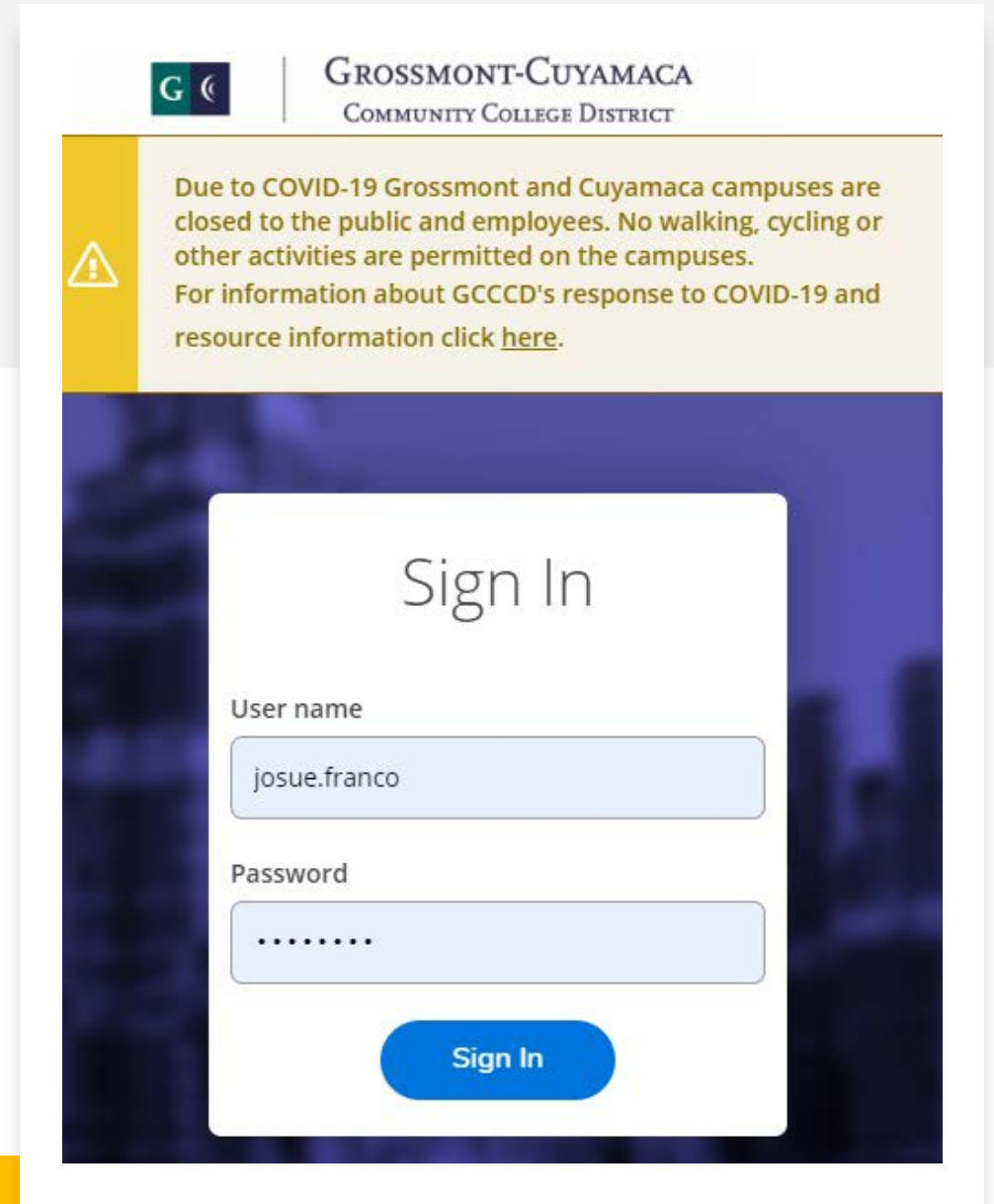


Learning Objectives

- By the end of this learning unit, you will be able to:
 - Log into GCCCD Self-Service
 - Use Self-Service to Search For Classes
 - Add Political Science (POSC) courses to your Ed Plan
 - Review Your Ed Plan with POSC sequenced correctly

Log into Self-Service Website

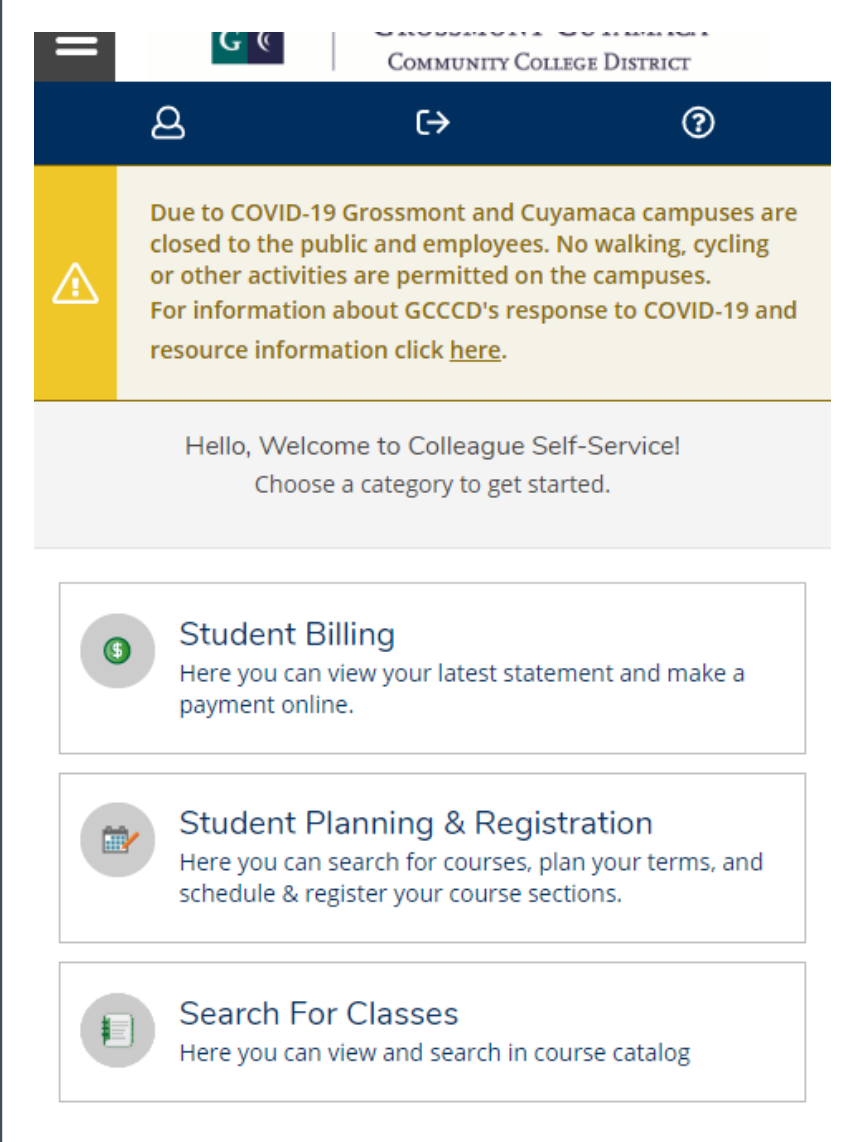
1. <https://selfservice.gcccd.edu/Student/>
2. Log in with your user name and password



Adding POSC Courses to Your Ed Plan

Search for POSC Courses

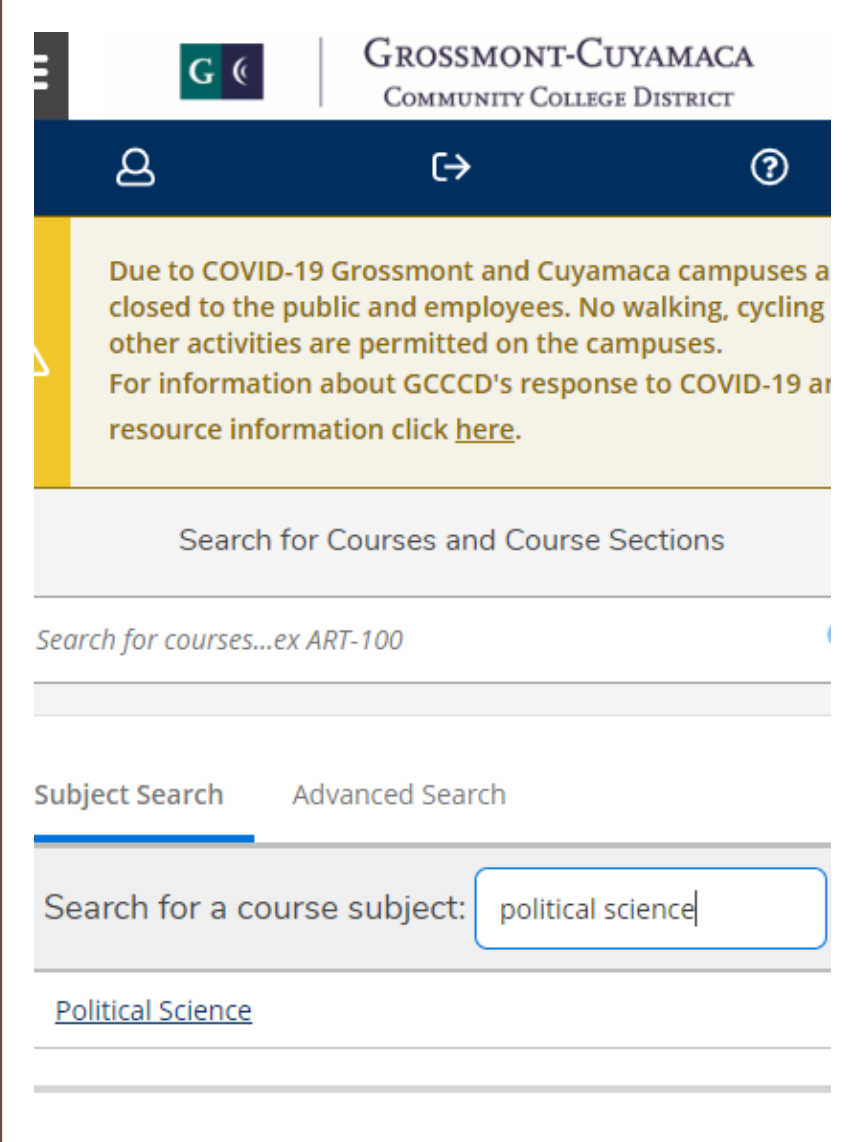
1. Click on “Search For Classes”



The screenshot displays the GCCCD Colleague Self-Service portal. At the top, the header includes the GCCCD logo and the text "GROSSMONT CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT". Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for user profile, home, and help. A yellow warning banner with a triangle icon contains the following text: "Due to COVID-19 Grossmont and Cuyamaca campuses are closed to the public and employees. No walking, cycling or other activities are permitted on the campuses. For information about GCCCD's response to COVID-19 and resource information click [here](#)." Below the banner, a grey box says "Hello, Welcome to Colleague Self-Service! Choose a category to get started." The main content area features three service tiles: "Student Billing" (with a dollar sign icon), "Student Planning & Registration" (with a calendar icon), and "Search For Classes" (with a document icon). The "Search For Classes" tile includes the description: "Here you can view and search in course catalog".

Search for a course subject

1. In dialogue box, type “political science”
2. Click on “Political Science”



The screenshot shows the website header for Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with icons for a user profile, a home arrow, and a help question mark. A yellow banner contains a COVID-19 notice: "Due to COVID-19 Grossmont and Cuyamaca campuses are closed to the public and employees. No walking, cycling, or other activities are permitted on the campuses. For information about GCCCD's response to COVID-19 at resource information click [here](#)." Below the banner is a search bar with the text "Search for Courses and Course Sections". Underneath is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search for courses...ex ART-100". Below the search field are two tabs: "Subject Search" (which is selected) and "Advanced Search". The "Subject Search" tab has a search input field with the text "Search for a course subject:" followed by a text box containing "political science". Below the search field is a list of results, with "Political Science" being the first and only visible result.

Search for Courses and Course Sections

[Back to Search for Classes](#)

Search for courses...ex ART-100

Filter Results

Availability

Open and Waitlisted Sections

Open Sections Only

Subjects

Political Science (6)

Locations

Cuyamaca College (6)

Show All Terms

Spring 2020 (5)

Summer 2020 (1)

Days of Week

Monday (2)

Tuesday (3)

Wednesday (2)

Filters Applied: Political Science X Cuyamaca College X

POSC-120 Politics & Political Analysis (3 Credits) [Add Course to Plan](#)

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Requisites:
None

Locations:
Cuyamaca College

[View Available Sections for POSC-120](#)

POSC-121 Intro to U.S. Govt & Politics (3 Credits) [Add Course to Plan](#)

***Analysis of the evolution of the structures and functions of the U.S. and California political systems from the time of the nation's founding to the present day. Emphasis is on the dynamic nature of the American political experience and how that experience impacts the functioning of the U.S. political system. The course will also explore the larger cultural, economic, and sociological forces shaping the U.S. political system. In addition, the development and evolution of the U.S. Constitution and policy making role of traditional political institutions such as the presidency, the Congress, and the judiciary will be explored. Finally, the impact of other political forces such as mass movements, the media, the bureaucracy, interest groups, and ethnic and social groups will be examined. Topics will be illustrated through reference to current political events. ***introduction to concepts and structures of U.S. government and politics.

Requisites:
None

Locations:
Cuyamaca College

View POSC Courses at Cuyamaca College

1. After clicking on Political Science, you will arrive at: <https://selfservice.gcccd.edu/Student/Planning/Courses/Search?subjects=POSC>
2. Under Locations, check "Cuyamaca College"
3. You will be able to scroll through the list of 6 POSC courses we offer at Cuyamaca College

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Academics · Student Planning & Registration · Search for Classes

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[View Available Sections for POSC-120](#)

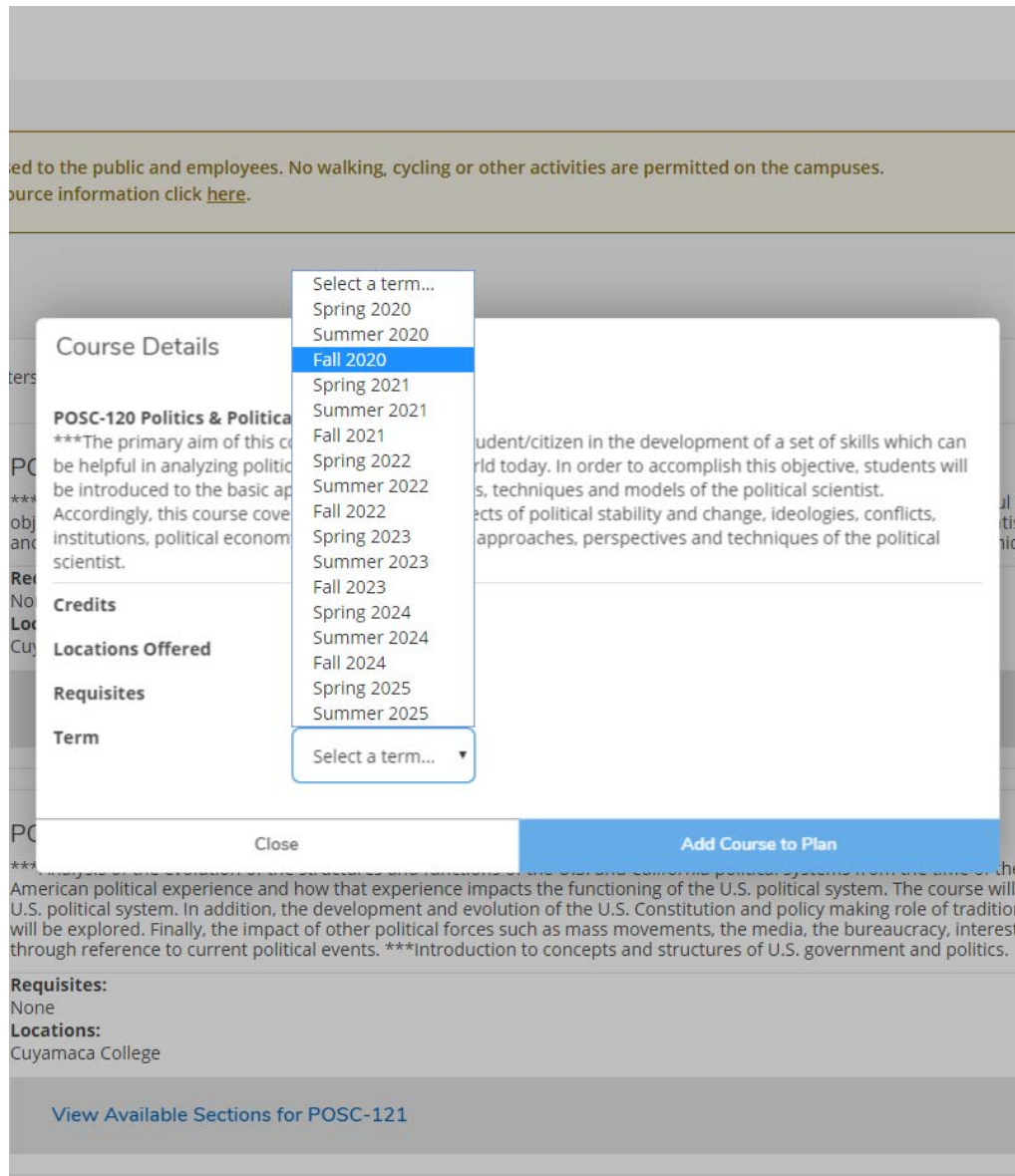
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[View Available Sections for POSC-121](#)

Click "Add Course to Plan" for each POSC course listed



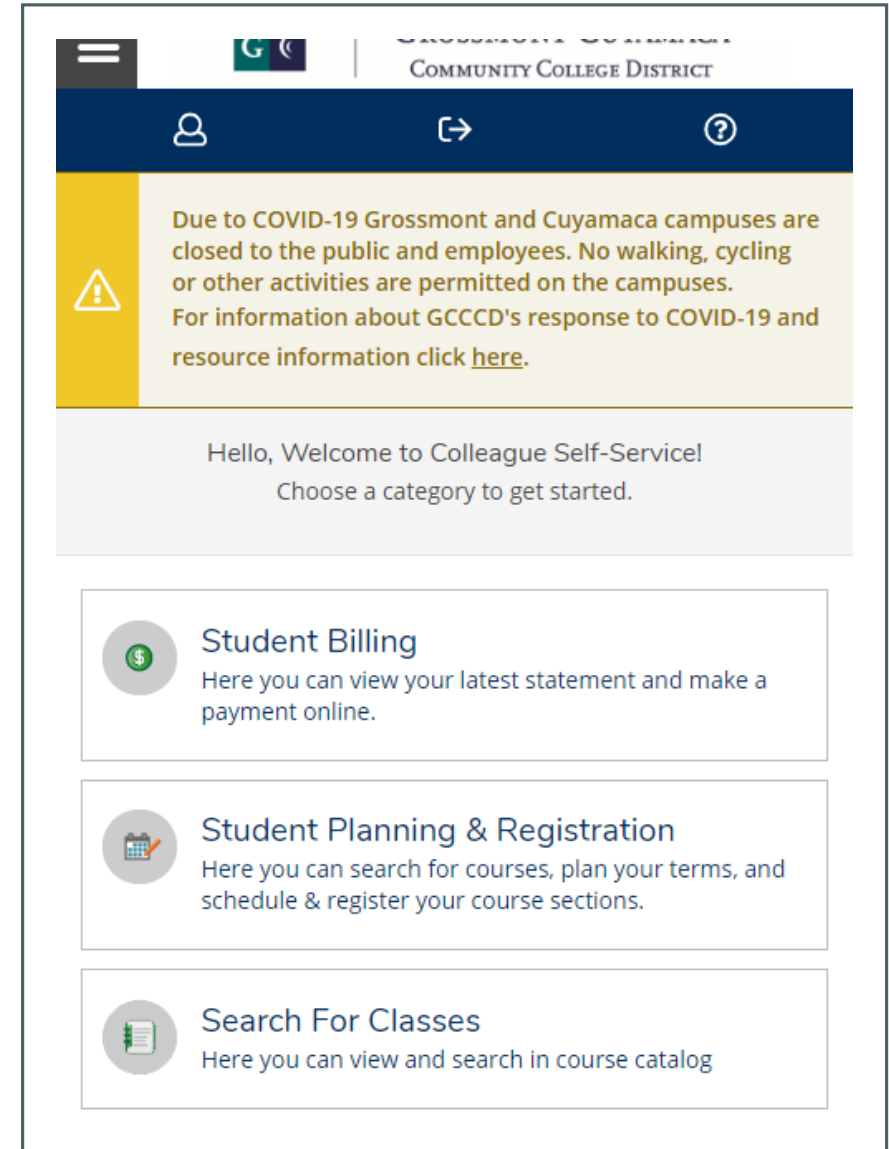
Select Term, Add Course, and Repeat

1. Select Term "Fall 2020"
2. Click "Add Course to Plan"
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each POSC Course

Viewing your Ed Plan

View Student Planning and Registration

1. Click on “Student Planning and Registration”



Click on “Ed Plan” tab

1. Scroll down and click on “Ed Plan” tab

The screenshot shows the mobile app interface for Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu icon, the college logo, and the text "GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT". Below this is a dark blue header with icons for a user profile, a share icon, and a help icon. A yellow warning banner with a triangle icon contains text about COVID-19 campus closures and a link to "here". Below that is a blue information banner with an 'i' icon, text "Give us Feedback about Self Service", and an email address "self-service.feedback@gcccd.edu". A section titled "Plan your Degree and Schedule your courses" features a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for courses...ex ART-100" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is another blue information banner with an 'i' icon, text "It looks like you don't have any courses planned.", and a button labeled "Load Sample Course Plan". At the bottom, there is a tabbed navigation bar with four tabs: "Schedule" (which is currently selected and underlined), "Ed Plan", "Plan Notes", and "Petitions & Waivers".

See Added POSC Courses

- After selecting “Ed Plan”, you will see the added POSC courses under the Fall 2020 term
- You can drag and drop the courses in the correct order based on the [POSC Guided Pathway Degree Maps](#)
 - Semester 1 (Fall 2020):
 - POSC 120
 - POSC 121
 - Semester 2 (Spring 2021):
 - POSC 124
 - Semester 3 (Fall 2021):
 - POSC 130
 - POSC 140
 - Semester 4 (Spring 2022):
 - POSC 170

The screenshot shows a web interface for planning a degree. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for courses...ex ART-100". Below the search bar are four tabs: "Schedule", "Ed Plan", "Plan Notes", and "Petitions & Waivers". The "Ed Plan" tab is currently selected. Below the tabs, there are two buttons: "Add a Term" (in a blue rounded rectangle) and "Remove Planned Courses" (in a white rounded rectangle with a blue border). The main content area displays a list of planned courses for the "Fall 2020" term. Each course is shown in a grey card with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The courses listed are:

- POSC-120: Politics & Political Analysis (Units: 3 Units)
- POSC-121: Intro to U.S. Govt & Politics (Units: 3 Units)
- POSC-124: Comparative Govt and Politics (Units: 3 Units)
- POSC-130: Intro International Relations (Units: 3 Units)
- POSC-140: Intro to Calif Govt & Politics (Units: 3 Units)

At the bottom of the course list, it states "18 Planned Credits". Navigation arrows (left and right) are visible on either side of the course list.

Ed Plan with course Sequenced per POSC Guided Pathway Degree Maps

The screenshot displays an 'Ed Plan' interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Schedule', 'Ed Plan', 'Plan Notes', and 'Petitions & Waivers'. Below the navigation bar are two buttons: 'Add a Term' and 'Remove Planned Courses'. The main content area is divided into four columns representing different terms:

- Fall 2020:** Contains two courses: POSC-120: Politics & Political Analysis (3 Units) and POSC-121: Intro to U.S. Govt & Politics (3 Units).
- Spring 2021:** Contains one course: POSC-124: Comparative Govt and Politics (3 Units).
- Fall 2021:** Contains two courses: POSC-130: Intro International Relations (3 Units) and POSC-140: Intro to Calif Govt & Politics (3 Units).
- Spring 2022:** Contains one course: POSC-170: Intro-Polit Sci Research Meth (3 Units).

Each course card includes a grid icon, the course name, and the unit count. Each term header has a close button (X). A left arrow is visible on the left side of the Fall 2020 column.

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- I reviewed the [Political Science Guided Pathway Degree Maps](#). I see there are other courses listed under each semester (ex: ENGL 120). Should I add these courses to my Ed Plan on Self-Service?
 - Yes, you can add those specific courses to your Ed Plan
 - I strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment with Counseling as you proceed
- I prefer to take just one POSC course my first semester, instead of two. Should I take POSC 120 or POSC 121?
 - While POSC 121 is the core required course, I recommend you take POSC 120 Political Science because the course will introduce you to all the sub-fields of the discipline.
- I think I want to switch POSC 124 Comparative Politics with POSC 130 International Relations. Can I change the order of POSC courses in my Ed Plan?
 - Yes, the order can be changed to meet your interests.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **I am interested in state and local politics. Can I take POSC 140 in my first or second semester, instead of the third semester?**
 - Yes, you can move POSC 140 to the first or second semester.
- **Why is POSC 170 scheduled for the last semester?**
 - POSC 170 Research Methods is considered the capstone course for the AA-T Degree in Political Science. This course will carefully and rigorously prepare you for your transfer to a 4-year university.
- **Does Political Science @ Cuyamaca College have a website with more information?**
 - Yes, please visit <https://ipolisci.com/>