A Transfer Student’s Path to a Degree

Total Units needed to finish your degree: 180
Max amount transfer student can come in with: 105
180-105 = 75 units left (assuming some POLS units transferred)

Where to find this information:
- For POLS requirements: polsci.ucsb.edu/undergrad/requirements
- For College of Letters and Sciences requirements: duels.ucsb.edu/advising/planning/degree

POLS REQUIREMENTS

A. LOWER DIVISION CLASSES: 1, 6, 7, 12, 15 (21 units)
   Many transfer students come in with at least 4 to 8 transferred POLS units
B. UPPER DIVISION CLASSES: 40 units
   TOTAL: 61 units

This is very doable, since at the most you need only 81 units if you came in with a completed IGETC. In addition, most students need less than the total, depending on how many POLS prerequisites they transferred to UCSB.

OK... but what does this look like?

First Year:
- Fall: 12 units
- Winter: 16 units
- Spring: 16 units
- TOTAL: 44 units

Second Year:
- Fall: 16 units
- Winter: 16 units
- Spring: 16 units
- TOTAL: 48 units

TOTAL: 92 UNITS!!

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS

20 UPPER DIVISION non-major elective units

61 POLS UNITS + 20 non-major upper division units = 81 units! **

** assuming a transfer student has ZERO POLS transfer work, but has completed IGETC