DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Subfields in the Department

- ❑ American Politics
  (POLI 10 and POLI 100-109)
- ❑ Comparative Politics
  (POLI 11 and POLI 120-139)
- ❑ International Relations
  (POLI 12 and POLI 140-159)
- ❑ Political Theory
  (POLI 13 and POLI 110-119)
- ❑ Public Law
  (POLI 104 Series)
- ❑ Public Policy
  (POLI 160-169)
- ❑ Research Methods
  (POLI 170-189)

Our website lists faculty by each subfield

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DEPARTMENT SUBFIELDS

Subfield	Description
American Politics	National, state, and local politics in the United States – Congress, elections, race, and gender.
Comparative Politics	Politics in other countries-democracies and autocracies, elections and revolutions.
International Relations	The study of the nation-state and its relationships. Conflict and cooperation among countries - war and peace, global economics and climate
Political Theory	Foundations of political thought from Plato and Aristotle to contemporary philosophers.
Public Law	Constitutional and statutory laws that define our rights and regulate our lives. ****We have added several courses that enrich the student's ability to write and argue legal briefs, and learn the basics of legal research and reasoning.***
Public Policy	Analysis of policy in specific areas such as the environment, health, urban renewal.

- **Public Policy vs Public Law**: Policies are *objectives* that a government sets for itself to achieve in a given period of time, and laws are the *tools* that help a government achieve these objectives.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR OPTIONS

Seven Majors:

- ❑ General Political Science
- ❑ Political Science/American Politics
- ❑ Political Science/Comparative Politics
- ❑ Political Science/International Relations
- ❑ Political Science/Political Theory
- ❑ Political Science/Public Law
- ❑ Political Science/Public Policy

Requirements:

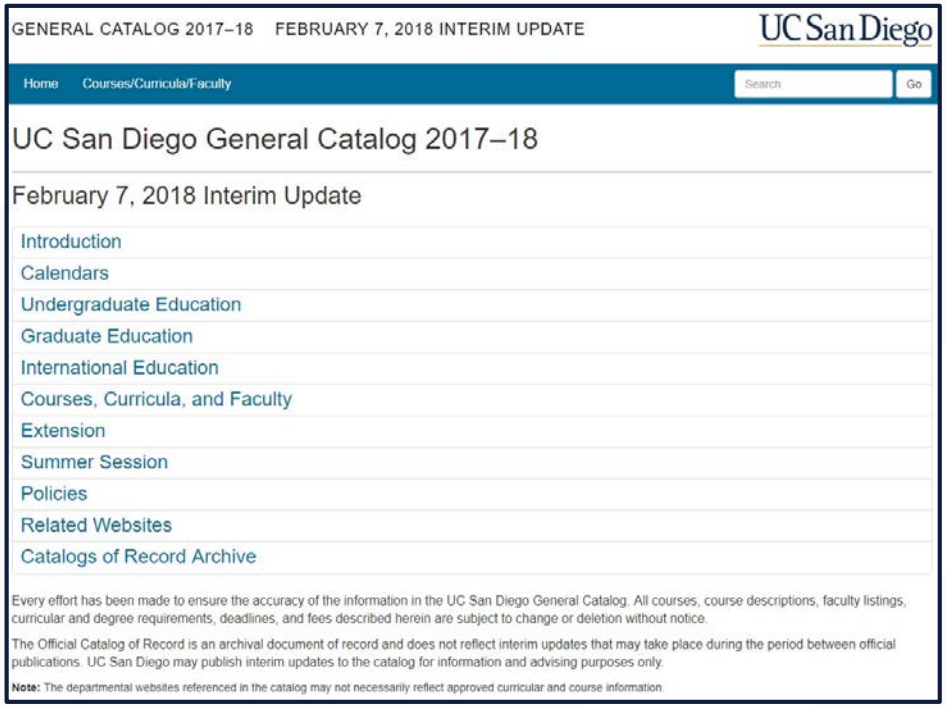
- ❑ 16 Political Science courses
  - ❑ 4 lower-division and 12 upper division
- ❑ Have an Area of Concentration?
  - ❑ 5 of the 12 upper division courses must be fulfilled in the concentration
- ❑ **ALL** courses for the major must be political science courses
- ❑ **ALL** courses must be taken all for a letter grade
  - ❑ **This applies to transfer courses as well!**
- ❑ You may change your major online with the change of major tool once you are enrolled in your fall courses.

UCSD GENERAL CATALOG

- The General Catalog is the official resource to verify policies and your college and major requirements:

  http://www.ucsd.edu/catalog/

- Course descriptions are in the catalog; use it to learn about courses and to choose your electives.
- Refer to the 2018-2019 catalog throughout your tenure at UCSD. This is your catalog year and it will not change even if you change your major.



MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Locate your major requirements on the Department page:

https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/major-and-minor-requirements/index.html

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Our Undergraduate Program

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  - General Political Science
  - American Politics
  - Comparative Politics
  - International Relations
  - Political Theory
  - Public Law
  - Public Policy
  - Minor in Political Science
  - Law and Society Minor

The Political Science Major and Minor

Political science addresses some of the fundamental problems facing human society. Questions concerning world peace, government policies aimed at achieving economic stability and growth, the management of environmental quality, control over political competition, the possibility of using law to affect social and political change, and the gap between the rich and poor in the U.S. and abroad are all on the research agenda of contemporary political scientists. The general purpose of the major is to address these and other issues systematically, and, simultaneously, to raise the broad theoretical questions which can help students relate today's political debates to those debates about politics which have kept a theoretical tradition alive for over 2,000 years.

Students may major in political science as a general program of study, or they may concentrate in one of six areas: (1) American politics, (2) comparative politics, (3) international relations (4) political theory, (5) public law, and (6) public policy. All majors in political science must satisfy the following sixteen courses: PS 30 (Political Inquiry), three of the following four lower-division courses (Political Science 10, 11, 12 and 13) and twelve upper-division courses.

If a Special topic course is offered, see the department for details regarding applying this course toward an area of concentration (i.e., PS 154 is the special topic course for International Relations and, depending on the topic, may be applied to one of the International Relations area of concentration categories). Upon notification from the student that a particular course should be counted in their area of concentration (based on review/approval in the department), a form is included in the student's file reflecting this information on the transcript.

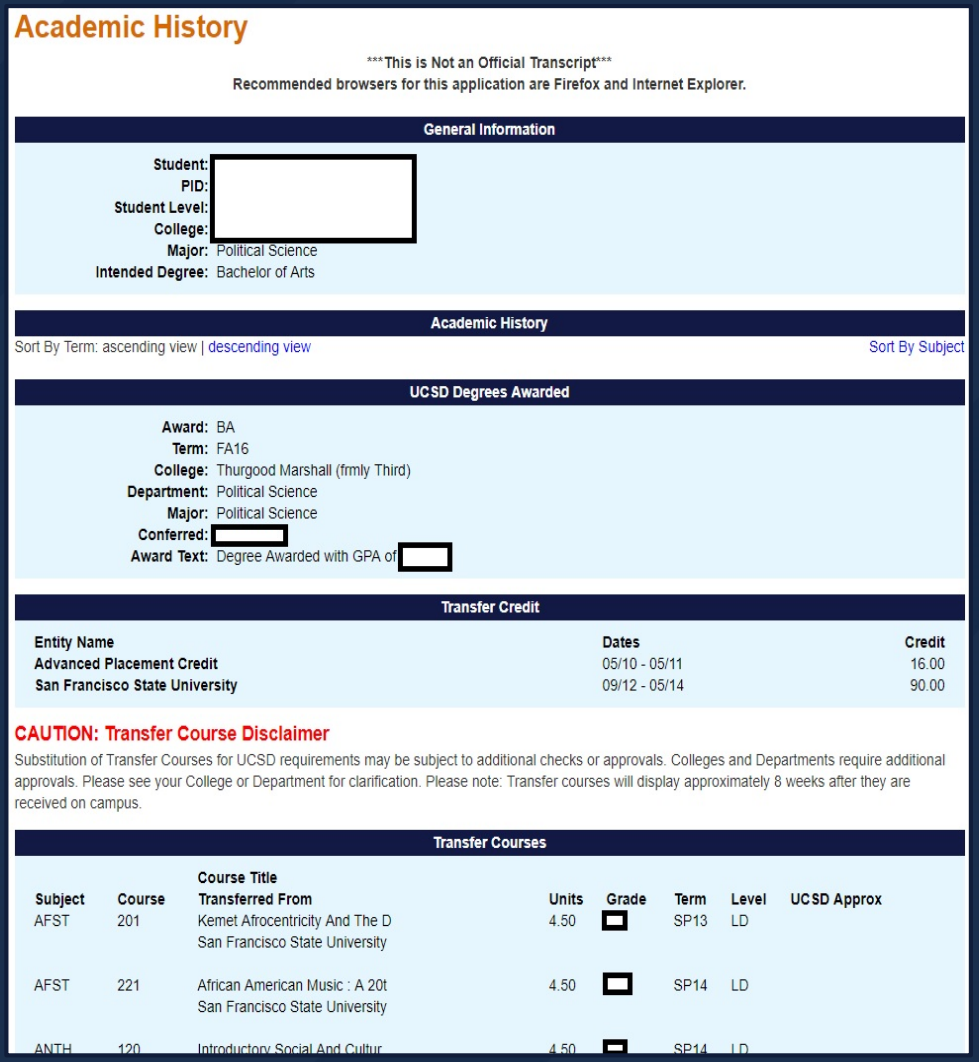
Declare Political Science as your major or minor! Go to:

https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/advising/majors-minors/declare-or-change-major.html

POLITICAL SCIENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

TRITONLINK ACADEMIC HISTORY

- ❑ Check your Academic History on TritonLink: http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu
- ❑ Are the courses you took listed?
- ❑ Are the UCSD equivalent courses listed?



Academic History

This is Not an Official Transcript
Recommended browsers for this application are Firefox and Internet Explorer.

General Information

Student: [redacted]
PID:
Student Level:
College:
Major: Political Science
Intended Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Academic History

Sort By Term: ascending view | descending view Sort By Subject

UCSD Degrees Awarded

Award: BA
Term: FA16
College: Thurgood Marshall (frmly Third)
Department: Political Science
Major: Political Science
Conferred: [redacted]
Award Text: Degree Awarded with GPA of [redacted]

Transfer Credit

Entity Name	Dates	Credit
Advanced Placement Credit	05/10 - 05/11	16.00
San Francisco State University	09/12 - 05/14	90.00

CAUTION: Transfer Course Disclaimer

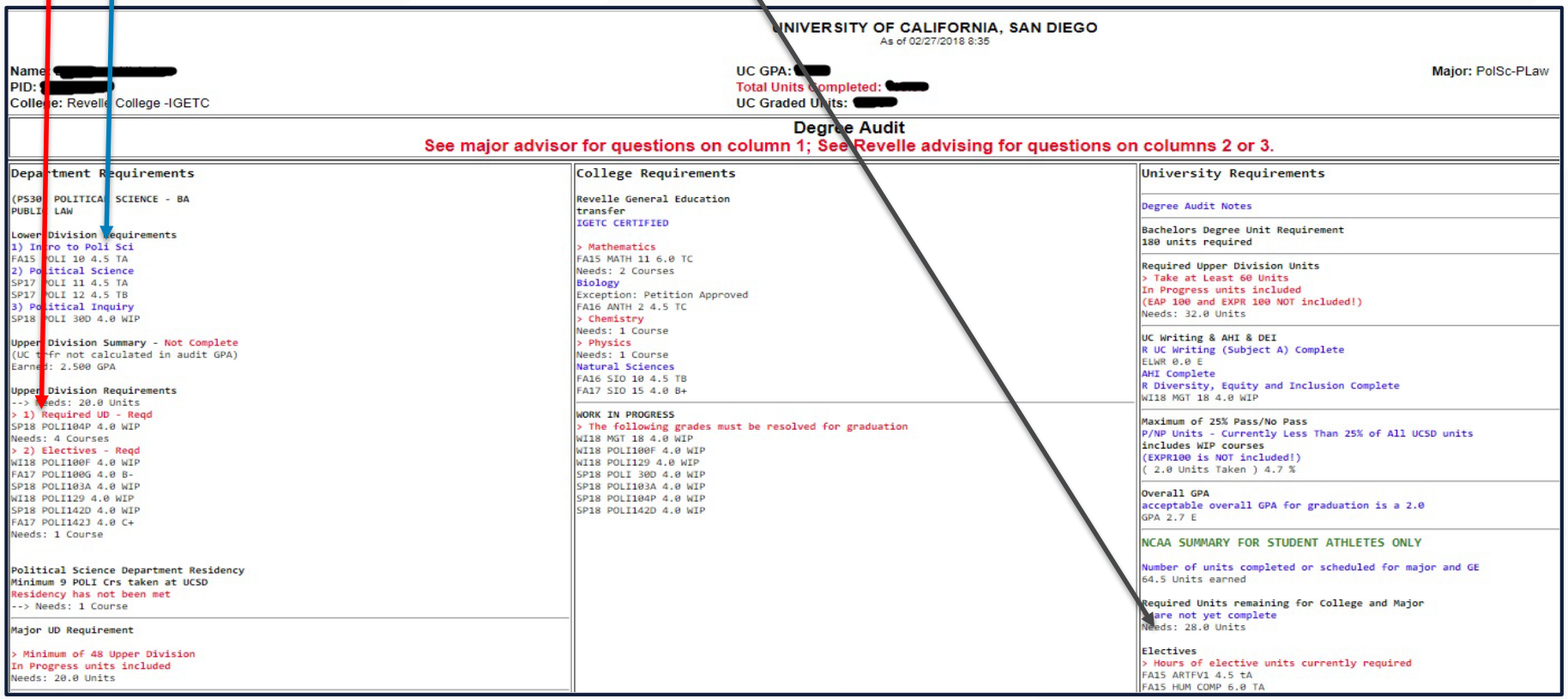
Substitution of Transfer Courses for UCSD requirements may be subject to additional checks or approvals. Colleges and Departments require additional approvals. Please see your College or Department for clarification. Please note: Transfer courses will display approximately 8 weeks after they are received on campus.

Transfer Courses

Subject	Course	Course Title Transferred From	Units	Grade	Term	Level	UCSD Approx
AFST	201	Kemet Afrocentricity And The D San Francisco State University	4.50	[redacted]	SP13	LD	
AFST	221	African American Music : A 20t San Francisco State University	4.50	[redacted]	SP14	LD	
ANTH	120	Introductory Social And Cultur	4.50	[redacted]	SP14	LD	

DARS AUDIT

- The Degree Audit checks your progress for degree
  - Only a reference point for students
- **Blue** denotes completed requirements (T-indicates transfer course).
- **Red** indicates missing/incomplete requirements.
- Courses that appear on the far right-hand side under “additional lower division courses” are transfer courses not applying to degree requirements.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
As of 02/27/2018 8:35

Name: [redacted]
PID: [redacted]
College: Revelle College -IGETC

UC GPA: [redacted]
Total Units Completed: [redacted]
UC Graded Units: [redacted]

Major: PolSc-PLaw

Degree Audit
See major advisor for questions on column 1; See Revelle advising for questions on columns 2 or 3.

Department Requirements

(PS30 POLITICAL SCIENCE - BA
PUBLIC LAW

Lower Division Requirements
1) Intro to Poli Sci
FA15 POLI 10 4.5 TA
2) Political Science
SP17 POLI 11 4.5 TA
SP17 POLI 12 4.5 TB
3) Political Inquiry
SP18 POLI 30D 4.0 WIP

Upper Division Summary - Not Complete
(UC trfr not calculated in audit GPA)
Earned: 2.500 GPA

Upper Division Requirements
--> Needs: 20.0 Units
> 1) Required UD - Reqd
SP18 POLI104P 4.0 WIP
Needs: 4 Courses
> 2) Electives - Reqd
WI18 POLI100F 4.0 WIP
FA17 POLI100G 4.0 B-
SP18 POLI103A 4.0 WIP
WI18 POLI129 4.0 WIP
SP18 POLI142D 4.0 WIP
FA17 POLI142J 4.0 C+
Needs: 1 Course

Political Science Department Residency
Minimum 9 POLI Crs taken at UCSD
Residency has not been met
--> Needs: 1 Course

Major UD Requirement

> Minimum of 48 Upper Division
In Progress units included
Needs: 20.0 Units

College Requirements

Revelle General Education
transfer
IGETC CERTIFIED

> Mathematics
FA15 MATH 11 6.0 TC
Needs: 2 Courses
Biology
Exception: Petition Approved
FA16 ANTH 2 4.5 TC
> Chemistry
Needs: 1 Course
> Physics
Needs: 1 Course
Natural Sciences
FA16 SIO 10 4.5 TB
FA17 SIO 15 4.0 B+

WORK IN PROGRESS
> The following grades must be resolved for graduation
WI18 MGT 18 4.0 WIP
WI18 POLI100F 4.0 WIP
WI18 POLI129 4.0 WIP
SP18 POLI 30D 4.0 WIP
SP18 POLI103A 4.0 WIP
SP18 POLI104P 4.0 WIP
SP18 POLI142D 4.0 WIP

University Requirements

Degree Audit Notes

Bachelors Degree Unit Requirement
180 units required

Required Upper Division Units
> Take at Least 60 Units
In Progress units included
(EAP 100 and EXPR 100 NOT included!)
Needs: 32.0 Units

UC Writing & AHI & DEI
R UC Writing (Subject A) Complete
ELWR 0.0 E
AHI Complete
R Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Complete
WI18 MGT 18 4.0 WIP

Maximum of 25% Pass/No Pass
P/NP Units - Currently Less Than 25% of All UCSD units
includes WIP courses
(EXPR100 is NOT included!)
(2.0 Units Taken) 4.7 %

Overall GPA
acceptable overall GPA for graduation is a 2.0
GPA 2.7 E

NCAA SUMMARY FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ONLY

Number of units completed or scheduled for major and GE
64.5 Units earned

Required Units remaining for College and Major
are not yet complete
Needs: 28.0 Units

Electives
> Hours of elective units currently required
FA15 ARTFV1 4.5 tA
FA15 HUM COMP 6.0 TA

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Course Offerings 2018-2019 can be found on our website at: http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/courses/index.html
- The schedules posted on our website are tentative and subject to change
- To get specific information on faculty and days and times courses will be offered, visit the Schedule of Classes on TritonLink once the schedule for any given quarter goes live

POLITICAL SCIENCE 2018-19 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This schedule is *TENTATIVE* and may change prior to when the quarter commences
THE SCHEDULE IS NOT YET FINALIZED

FALL 2018

5D	Data Analytics for the Social Sciences	TBD
10D	Introduction to Political Science: American Politics	Hill, Seth
12D	Introduction to Political Science: International Relations	Roeder, Philip
27	Ethics and Society	Mackie, Gerald
87	Political Science Freshman Seminar	Roeder, Philip
100B	The U.S. Congress	Ban, Pamela
100G	How to Win or Lose an Election	Fletcher, Nathan
102C	American Political Development	Galderisi, Peter
102G	Special Topics in American Politics	Gause, LaGina
104A	The Supreme Court and the Constitution	Smith, Glenn
104G	Election Law	Galderisi, Peter
104I	Law and Politics-Courts and Political Controversy	Smith, Glenn
104J	Introduction to Legal Reasoning	Bergman, Matthew
105A	Latino Politics in the U.S.	Abrajano, Marisa
108	Politics of Multiculturalism	Adida, Claire
110A	Citizens and Saints: Political Thought from Plato to Augustine	Goldman, Harvey
113A	East Asian Thought in Comparative Perspective	Magagna, Victor
120H	European Integration	Fisk, David
120I	Politics in Italy	Bergman, Matthew
126	Political Economy of Development	Nichter, Simeon
134D	Selected Topics in Latin American Politics	Saiegh, Sebastian
138D	Special Topics in Comparative Politics	Nellis, Gareth
138D	Special Topics in Comparative Politics	Feinberg, Richard
142J	National Security Strategy	Slantchev, Branislav
143A	War and Society	Slantchev, Branislav
144	International Political Economy	Schneider, Christina
145C	International Relations After the Cold War: Theory and Prospect	Fisk, David
160AA	Introduction to Policy Analysis	Hajnal, Zoltan
164	The Politics of Public Policy	Butler, Daniel
191A	Senior Honors Seminar	Hill, Seth Wiens, David
194	UCDC Research Seminar	Hill, Seth
194SD	Local Internship Research Seminar	Galderisi, Peter
197I	UCDC Internship	Hill, Seth

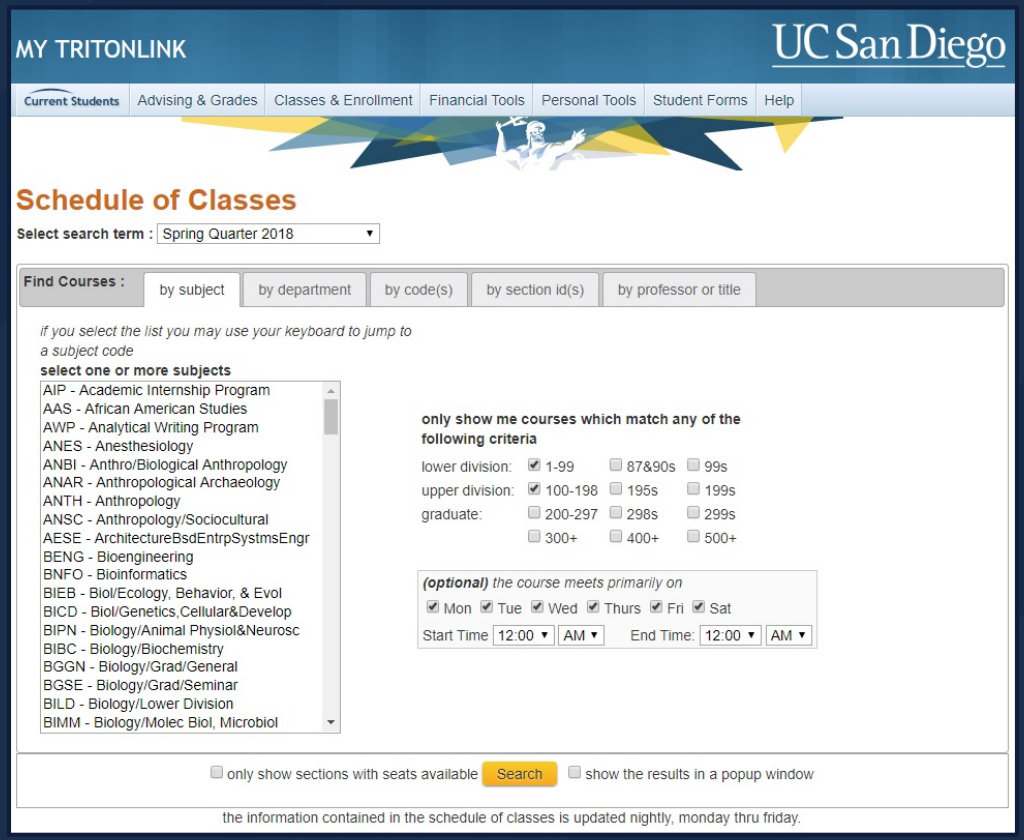
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES – BY SUBJECT

The online schedule allows you to search for courses by:

- ❑ Subject
- ❑ Department
- ❑ Course Number (code)
- ❑ Professor or Course Title

It also allows you to sort by:

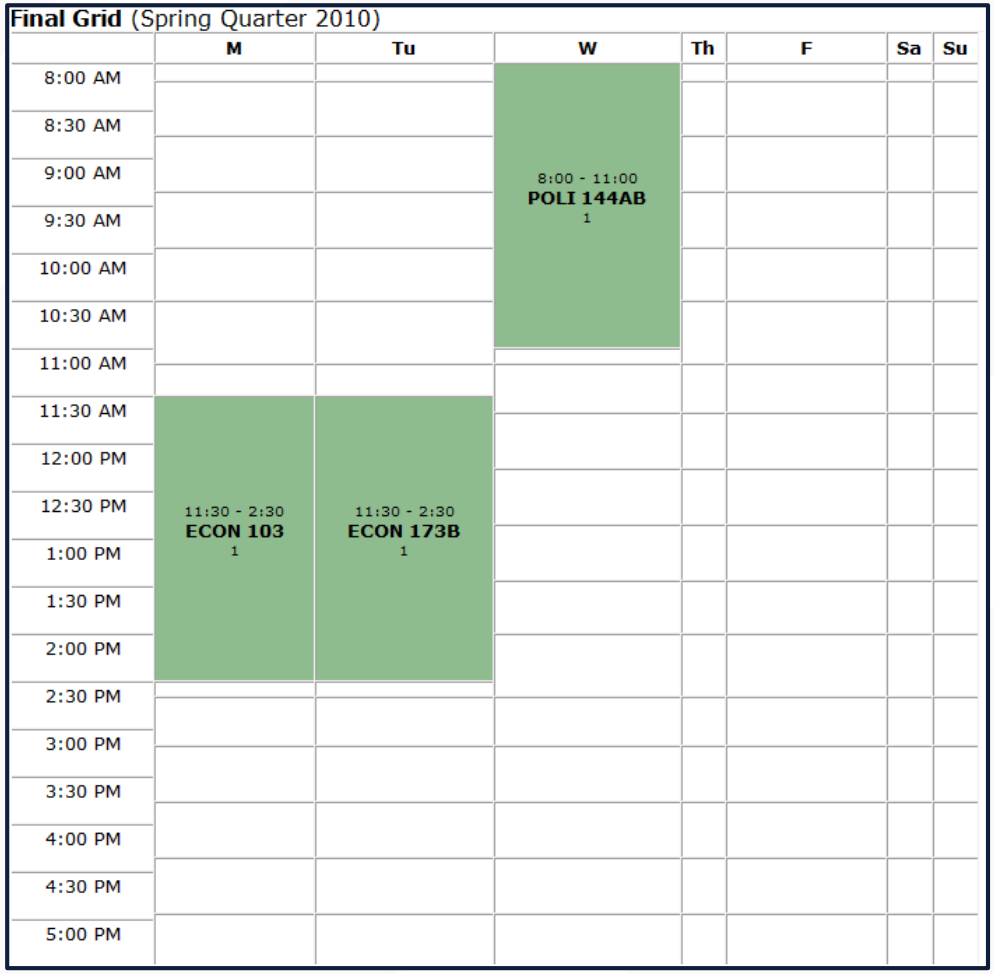
- ❑ Day of the week
- ❑ Time of lecture
- ❑ Upper/Lower division only
- ❑ Classes with open seats



YOUR FINAL EXAM PLANNER

- Once you register, your final schedule for the quarter also becomes available.
- Finals may be scheduled back-to-back- to-back

When you enroll, you also choose your final exam schedule!



FALL 2018 ENROLLMENT

- The estimated date for all (or most) transcript evaluation by Admissions is **August 15th.**
- We will release seats for transfer students on **August 24th**. Seats will be saved for lower-division courses and some upper-division courses.
- Transfer enrollment appointments begin on approximately **August 27th.** Your College should have already notified you of your specific enrollment time (or will soon).
- First day of classes is **September 27th**.
- Know your deadlines! Enrollment calendar:

http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html

WAITLISTS AND ENROLLMENTS

- To add a class that is **full**, use WebReg to waitlist the course
- **Waitlists** are automated and used by ALL departments. They run nightly until midnight on Thursday of second week.
  - The waitlist sequence is **first-come, first-served**. Departments cannot override the waitlist sequence.
- You will receive an email to your UCSD account if you have been added to the course. If you have not met the prerequisite, WebReg will drop you from the waitlist.

The Political Science Department does not allow late adds

Enrollment Information:

- You must adhere to all add and drop deadlines
- Enrollment calendar: http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html
- **Incoming students**: ***Before*** the quarter begins, you may be enrolled in and wait-listed for a ***total*** of 19.5 units. ***After*** the quarter commences, you may be enrolled in and wait-listed for a ***total*** of 22 units.
- Continuing students have a 2 Pass Enrollment system: Later, as a continuing student, you will enroll in 11.5 units during your first pass and up to 19.5 during your second pass.

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DEPARTMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

COURSES AND CONNECTIONS

Exciting and Relevant Courses

- Courses that range from “Insurgency and Terrorism” to “The Voting Rights Act: 50 Years Later,” to “International Politics and Drugs” to “Bending the Curve: Climate Change” to “Democracy and its Critics.”
- The Department also brings in practitioners who channel their real-world experiences into courses like “How to Win or Lose and Election” and “Science, Technology, and the Law.”

Lunch with the Director of Undergraduate Studies

- Have lunch with Maureen Feeley! Lunch is open to all Political Science majors and is held once or twice a quarter.
  - **Winter 2018 Undergraduate Lunches:**
    - Discussion led by Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Dr. Edie Goldenberg, and UCSD's Student Organized Voter Access Committee
    - Workshop on resumes, cover letters, and career paths for Political Science majors, in collaboration with UCSD’s Career Services Center
    - Workshop on networking an job search strategies, in collaboration with UCSD’s Career Services Center

ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM

The Political Science Alumni Mentor Program launched in the Fall 2017 quarter

- Two tracks in the program: Aligned Track and Exploratory Track
  - **Aligned Track**: Students are matched with a mentor in one of his/her top 3 fields
    - Connect with the mentor via: 1) a career conversation; 2) a resume critique; and 3) a mock interview
  - **Exploratory Track**: Students are matched with a mentor outside of his/her top 3 fields
    - Connect with the mentor via one required "career conversation"

- Successful applicants will have: 1) A minimum 3.5 major GPA; and 2) Earned at least 90 units
- The first 30 eligible students are admitted to the program. Others will be placed on a waitlist.

Available fields:

Education
Entrepreneurship
Foreign Service
Government (local, state, or federal)
Healthcare
Law
Non-profit
Politics
Private Sector
Urban Planning

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

❑ Research Apprenticeship Program

Work directly with a departmental mentor for the **winter and spring quarters**. Each student will collaborate with a doctoral candidate on the mentor's own research project.

- ❑ Winter and Spring Quarter: Commitment to 12 hours/week as a research assistant; earn major credit (POLI 198RA)
- ❑ Spring Quarter: Additional participation in a weekly research seminar (POLI 199); write a seminar paper of approximately 20 pages under guidance of graduate student mentor

❑ Eligibility:

- ❑ Majors in Political Science
- ❑ Major GPA of 3.5 or higher

❑ Independent Research (POLI 199)

Independent research project with faculty

- ❑ **Elective credit can be earned for the completion of two POLI 199s with 4 units**

2017-2018 RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIP PROJECTS

- ❑ Identifying Police-Affiliated Accounts on Sina Weibo
- ❑ Tying the Invisible Hand of Peace: Why Trading States Still Choose to Fight
- ❑ Heard it Through the Grapevine: Exploring the Consequences of Socially Communicated Political Information
- ❑ Legislative Attention and Democratic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
- ❑ Plural Governance: Race and Ethnicity in the United States
- ❑ The Controlled Revolution: Politics and the Spread of Mobile Networks in Africa
- ❑ Media Bias in Presidential Press Questions
- ❑ Moral Values, Community, and Political Attitudes
- ❑ Youth Under-Representation in Government
- ❑ Party Dynamics of Taiwanese Electoral Politics
- ❑ Lobbyists as Political Entrepreneurs
- ❑ False Ignorance and Hubris: What Drives the Gender Gap in Opinion Reporting

SENIOR HONORS PROGRAM

- Two quarter senior thesis project designed for highest achieving students
- Completion of POLI 191A/B and honor's thesis may qualify you for honors
- A great opportunity for students, especially those interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science
- Eligibility: You must have a minimum 3.6 major GPA in order to be eligible.
- You can view all the honors theses that have earned honors since 2012 on our website at our "Departmental Honors" page.

LOCAL INTERNSHIP – RESEARCH PROGRAM

- Participants will **receive advanced training in research methodologies and academic credit while working at a local internship**
- Internships are relevant to Political Science and have professional quality engagement

Courses:

- Enrollment in both a Research Seminar course and an Internship Seminar course for 4 units each
  - Competition of a 20 page paper for the Research Seminar
  - The Research Seminar is allowable for the major, but the Internship Seminar is not allowable

Eligible Applicants:

- passed at least 90 units;
- a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA overall;
- a GPA of 3.0 or higher in political science;
- taken POLI 30(D); and
- taken at least two upper-division political science courses.

Examples of recent internships include:

- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's district office
- U.S. House Representative Duncan Hunter's district office
- U.S. House Representative Scott Peters' district office
- California State Senator Joel Anderson's office
- Sarah Boot for City Council Campaign
- Allen Theweny for El Cajon Mayoral campaign
- San Diego County Taxpayers' Association
- United Nations Association of San Diego
- United States Attorney's Office--Southern California District
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

For more information visit our "Internships" page on our website:
https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/internships/index.html

LOCAL INTERNSHIP – RESEARCH PROGRAM EXAMPLES

- One of our students had an internship at the **United Nations Association San Diego** and worked to develop a survey of attitudes on international affairs in the San Diego area. The design and execution of the survey was completed in the first quarter during the internship. The academic mentor provided guidance on survey design and execution. The student then took the Research Seminar (POLI 194SD) where she worked on a research paper, developing an analytic research question, learned analytic techniques such as multiple regression analysis and presented the results in class.
- Another student had an internship at the **Congressman Duncan Hunter's** district office in El Cajon. Her internship research project used SPSS software to analyze National Election Study data and compose a report about the determinants of American public opinion towards U.S. defense spending levels from 1980-2012.

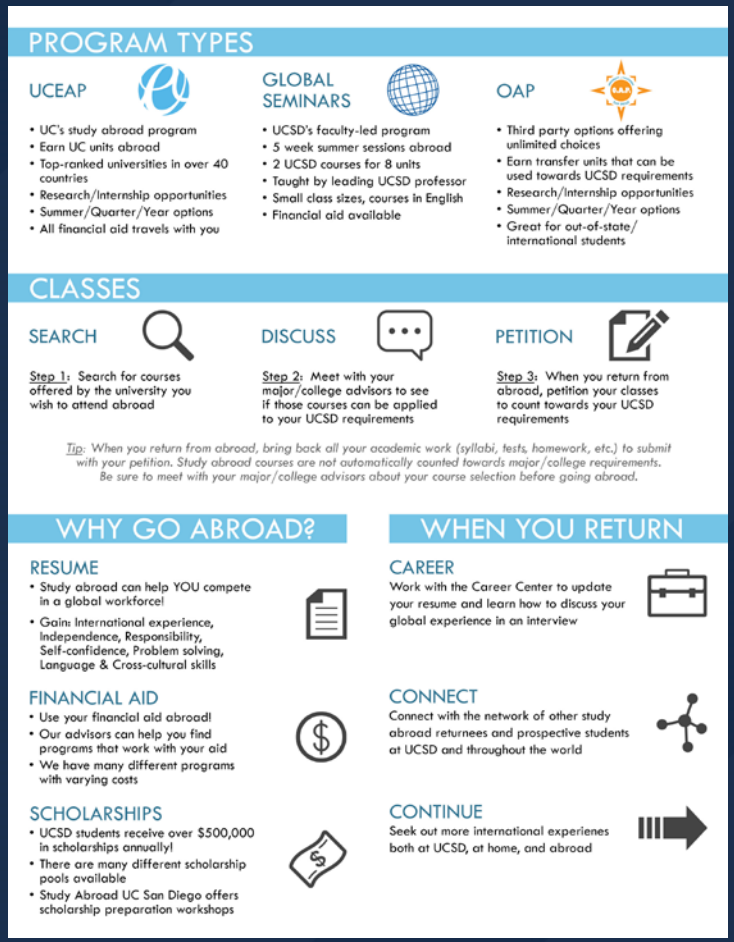
UCDC & UC Sacramento

Live and Work in Washington or Sacramento for a quarter!

- Continue your UCSD studies while interning for 1 quarter in Washington, DC or Sacramento and receive UCSD course credit for an internship, and major credit research seminar, and an optional elective course – does not count against your transfer course limit.
- Gain firsthand exposure to professional environments, and develop the skills you need for your future career
- Internships are available in all types of settings and industries, and are a great way to polish your resume
- Establish and expand your professional network. Referrals and recommendations have long been proven to have a major impact in the job search

STUDY ABROAD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Travel almost anywhere in the world while taking Political Science courses and receiving credit for the major.



Up to 6 courses may be transferred to the major from outside UCSD!

GLOBAL CONCENTRATION IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

- **Requirements:**
  - Eight units or more earned through study abroad; at least four units must count toward the major
  - Demonstration of proficiency in a second language through the fourth quarter of university-level instruction
    - Alternate demonstrations of proficiency can be discussed with your College
    - A minimum of two courses with department or program-identified global content. Political Science courses POLI 11(D), POLI 12(D), and any POLI course numbered 120-159 taken at UCSD satisfies this requirement

RECAP OF PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	90 units or more	Senior Year Only	POLI 30(D) Required
LOCAL INTERNSHIP RESEARCH PROGRAM	X	X	X	X		X
UCDC	X	X	X	X		
UC, SACRAMENTO	X	X	X	X		
STUDY ABROAD	X	X	X			
ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM	X	X	X	X		
RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIP		X	X	X		X
SENIOR HONORS (Both quarters required)	X	X		135 units req.	X	X

CAREERS & GRADUATE SCHOOL: RESOURCES

- **Political Science Alumni Mentor Program**: Launched Fall 2017
- **Board of Pre-law Advisors**: Board members are attorneys currently enrolled in the doctoral program in political science at UCSD. They are available for individual appointments to discuss careers in law, selection of appropriate law schools, the application and admissions processes, and other questions. Please contact each directly to arrange an appointment. Visit: https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/careers-and-graduate-school/index.html
- **APSA Careers in Political Science Handbook:** Purchase on the ASPA website or check it out (up to a week) from our department
- **UCSD Career Services Center:** Excellent pre-law, career, and graduate school advising. For pre-law advising visit: prelaw.ucsd.edu
- **Facebook page**: "UCSD Department of Political Science" – The Department lists internships and other opportunities that may be of interest to our majors. These include opportunities within and outside UCSD.

For additional career advising, visit the Department or send an inquiry via the Virtual Advising Center.

CAREER PATHS

- Political Science majors have a lot of options. Your major is not boxing you into a particular career path (i.e. Law school is your only option).
- Political Science equips you with transferrable skills that will make you valuable in a variety of settings. Use these skills to market your academic knowledge and professional attributes.

The attributes employers most seek on a candidate's resume:

1. Leadership
2. Ability to work in a team
3. Written communication skills
4. Verbal communication skills
5. Problem solving and critical thinking skills
6. Strong work ethic

- Transferable Skills inside the classroom: ability to communicate, methods and research (interpret and analyze data); analytical abilities (analyze and solve problems systemically and strategically); planning and development (conceptualize problems and demonstrate leadership); group skills (ability to work in a team) *

*Source: APSA *Careers and the Study of Political Science*

JOB TITLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI

- Senior Policy Adviser to Nancy Pelosi
- U.S. Ambassador to Qatar
- Head of Government Relations for Microsoft
- Chief of Staff to the Senior Technology Advisor and Top Political Executive in the GSA's (US General Services Administration) Pacific Rim Region
- Congress member and Ambassador to India (Tim Roemer)
- San Jose City Councilmember
- Director of Global Operations for LinkedIn
- Chief Curator of Film at The Museum of Modern Art
- Deputy District Attorney in San Diego
- Senior Communications Specialist at Sony
- Healthcare Policy Lobbyist
- CEO at a consulting group
- Chief of Staff at County of San Diego office
- Corporate Research Analyst
- Development Specialist at a research foundation
- Executive Director at a non-profit industry association
- Immigration Legal Specialist
- Manager, Procurement & Contract Services at an airport authority
- Policy Advisor for local councilmember
- Public Relations & Communications Manager at a General Atomics affiliate
- San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Program Manager
- Senior Consultant at a strategy and technology consulting firm
- Senior Policy Analyst for Policy Research
- Senior Privacy Analyst
- Senior Sustainability Program Manager at a personal finance company

ADDITIONAL CAREER INFORMATION

- The median annual wages of college-educated workers with political science majors (ages 25-29) is $64,000. This is higher than the median income of all social science majors ($60,000); and higher than BA holders, all majors ($61,000).
- The top 25% of political science majors earn nearly $100,000 annually.
- 55% of all political scientists work for the federal government, most of whom work in the executive branch

Resources on UCSD's Career Services Center website includes information on:

- Pre-Law at UC San Diego
- Public Policy
- International Affairs and Area Studies
- Government
- "What can I do with my political science major?"
- Alumni Advisor Network
- Career Readiness
- Career Options for Political Science Majors

Sources: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

We host numerous career and graduate school events throughout the academic year. This year's events included:

- **Undergraduate Lunch** in November on "Studying Abroad as a Political Science Major"
- **Undergraduate Lunch** in January with Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Dr. Edie Goldenberg, and UCSD's Student Organized Voter Access Committee (SOVAC) on student voter turnout
- **"Resumes, Cover Letters, and Career Paths"** with the Career Services Center
- **Attorney Networking Night** with UCSD Pre-Law Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, in February

Based on input from our current majors, we plan to implement more events focused on:

- Preparing for Graduate School and Law School
- Careers and Internships for Political Science Majors
- Research Opportunities
- Student Involvement Opportunities
- Networking with Graduate Students, Faculty, and Alumni

DEPARTMENT AND UC SAN DIEGO RANKINGS

- **Ranked # 1**: UC San Diego ranked First out of 258 institutions for its contributions to the public good by Washington Monthly's 2015 national university college rankings.
- **Ranked # 3:** The Center for the World University Rankings (CWUR) ranks University of California, San Diego as the 3rd best public university in the U.S., the 17th best university in the world, and 14th best in the nation. These rankings are based on quality of research, faculty, influence, enterprise and successful alumni.
- **Ranked # 6**: The Department of Political Science is ranked #6 in the world by the London School of Economics.
- **Ranked #7:** The Department is ranked #7 by the National Research Council
- **Ranked #9**: U.S. News & World Report ranked UC San Diego Political Science Department the 9th Ph.D. program in its 2017 rankings. While this is not the undergraduate program, this is the same department and the same faculty.
- **Ranked #9**: U.S. News & World Report ranked UC San Diego the 9th best public university in the nation in its 2016 America's Best Colleges guidebook. UCSD is 39th among the more than 200 public and private universities ranked.
- **Ranked in Top Ten** nationally: the Department is ranked in top ten by the National Academy of Sciences.
- **Ranked #11:** *Foreign Policy* Journal ranks our program as 11th best undergraduate program in International Relations in the world. Higher than UCLA!
- UC San Diego is listed as the top California public university - ahead of UC Berkeley and UCLA - in Lumosity's annual ranking of the **"smartest colleges in America."** We are #23 overall.

Excellence In and Out of the Classroom

We are so highly ranked not by following established traditions but by carving out our own paths. We bring the same passion for non-tradition into our classrooms, where we try to provide our students with courses on subjects they never knew existed, assignments that challenge them to perform professional-level work, and research tools they can use to explore their own questions.

Cutting Edge Research – Faculty

- **Tom Wong:** His research focuses on the politics of immigration, citizenship, and migrant "illegality." As these issues have far-reaching implications, his work also explores the links between immigration, race and ethnicity, and the politics of identity. Last year he served as an advisor to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)
- **Molly Roberts:** Her research interests lie in the intersection of political methodology and the politics of information, with a specific focus on methods of automated content analysis and the politics of censorship in China
- **Thad Kousser:** He studies American state and national politics, government reform, direct democracy, interest group influence, and how politicians use social media
- **Marisa Abrajano:** Her research is in the field of American politics, particularly in the areas of campaigns, mass electoral behavior, and race/ethnic politics.

KRINSK-HOUSTON LAW & POLITICS INITIATIVE

- The Initiative creates a premier pre-law experience that matches the ambitions and talents of UC San Diego's students. This experience includes student instruction, a partnership with the University of San Diego School of Law, and rich community engagement
  - Law school faculty, practicing attorneys, and judges teach classes that give students the skills necessary for success in law school and the legal profession
  - Provides students, regardless of their financial need, with support to take part in internships in Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and San Diego
- Director: Dr. Matthew E. Bergman
- 10+ Pre-Law, seminar-style classes
- Internship page updated frequently

Stephen C. Ferruolo, Dean of USD Law School; Lynn Schenk, former House Representative; Jeffrey Krinsk, UC San Diego donor; and Thad Kousser, Chair of UC San Diego Department of Political Science (not pictured: Alan Houston, Professor Emeritus of Political Science).

Dr. Matthew Bergman, Director of the Krinsk-Houston Law and Politics Initiative

TRANSITION TO UCSD SUCCESSFULLY

❑ Student Success Coaching Program

- ❑ Students are connected to a success coach from their undergraduate college who is familiar with the resources and opportunities that exist for your success. Together, you and your coach will focus on the strengths and passions that you bring to UC San Diego to find high-impact practices that directly support your goals — such as research, mentorship, supplemental instruction, and more. Link: https://students.ucsd.edu/sponsor/success/

❑ Analytical Writing Program

- ❑ This program is designed to help students master the critical thinking, reading, and writing skills that will enable you to succeed at the university and in your professional lives. Link: http://awp.ucsd.edu

❑ OASIS

- ❑ OASIS provides free tutoring, mentoring and counseling to UCSD undergraduates. Link: http://oasis.ucsd.edu/

❑ Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD)

- ❑ Register in person at 202 University Center (Gilman Dr. & Myers Dr.); for more information visit: http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/osd-accommodation/index.html

❑ Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- ❑ CAPS provides FREE, confidential, psychological counseling and crisis services for registered UCSD students. Link: http://caps.ucsd.edu/#students

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Political Science Student Association (PSSA)**
  - Organization for students interested in political science
- **Model UN**
  - **Link:** http://modelun.ucsd.edu/
- **Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society**
  - **Eligibility:**
    - Completed at least seven (7) political science courses, including at least three (3) upper division courses (transfer students must have completed at least two (2) of the three upper division courses at the University of California, San Diego);
    - Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses
- **Phi Alpha Delta**
  - Pre-law fraternity whose purpose is to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under the law.
- **Pre-Law Society**
  - **Email:** prelawsocietyucsd@gmail.com
- **Prospect Journal**
  - Journal of International Affairs at UCSD**. Link:** https://prospectjournal.org/

Go to: **http://studentorg.ucsd.edu/** for a full list of student organizations

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

- UCSD has a **multi-tiered advising system**
  - Department advisors are your resource for any questions regarding your Political Science major requirements
  - As your major department, you should **always** contact us for questions concerning your major requirements
    - Questions might include: **major requirements** for any of the seven political science majors, **double majors**, **course planning**, **enrollment issues** in political science courses, **honors programs**, **academic policy**, etc.
- You will consult with your College about their specific requirements, overall unit issues, etc.

Academic Year Advising Hours:

Monday -Friday

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please note the office is closed daily from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Summer Advising Hours:

Monday -Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fridays

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please note the office is closed daily from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Have a question about your major, but don't have time to come in for advising? Send an inquiry to the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

Contact information:

Political Science Administration: Social Sciences Building 301

Website: http://polisci.ucsd.edu/

No advising over phone or e-mail.

This PowerPoint will be uploaded to the Political Science website at:

http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/transfer-students-and-transfer-credits/index.html

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