



# BECOME A POLITICAL SCIENTIST!

JOIN THE **UCSD DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**,  
**ONE OF THE TOP 10**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.**  
**OUR WORLD RENOWNED FACULTY WILL TEACH YOU ABOUT:**

**AMERICAN POLITICS:** THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF GOVERNMENT, VOTERS, AND POLICY.

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS:** THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF OTHER COUNTRIES' POLITICS AND POLICIES.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** WAR/PEACE AND THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

**PUBLIC LAW:** PUBLIC LAW REGULATES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE INDIVIDUAL.

**PUBLIC POLICY:** THE PRINCIPLED GUIDE OF ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT.

**POLITICAL THEORY:** THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE POLITICAL THOUGHT THAT GUIDE POLITICS.

## Have you ever asked yourself:

Why do countries go to war?

What does Congress do (or not do) and why?

What is the role of race and ethnicity in politics?

How did the Founding Fathers' think? Who influenced them? How did that translate into politics then and now?

Why are other countries stable democracies or dictatorships?

What are the politics of natural resources and the environment?

How can you understand the statistics that governments throw out to elucidate and confuse you?

**If so, Political Science is for you!**

# JOIN US IN UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLD

## WE TEACH NEARLY 10% PERCENT OF UCSD'S STUDENTS

### MAJOR AND MINOR- INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

#### Requirements for Majors in Political Science:

1. Three of the four lower-division introductory sequence courses (POLI 10, 11, 12 and 13)
2. POLI 30
3. Twelve upper-division political science courses -- 5 of which need to be in your area of concentration if you are pursuing a Political Science major with an area of concentration. (For specific major requirements please visit our website at: <http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/major-and-minor-requirements/index.html>).

We offer the following 7 Political Science majors (1 with no area of concentration, and 6 with an area of concentration):

Political Science without an area of concentration (major code: PS 25)  
Political Science/American Politics (major code: PS 26)  
Political Science/Comparative Politics (major code: PS 27)  
Political Science/International Relations (major code: PS 28)  
Political Science/Political Theory (major code: PS 29)  
Political Science/Public Law (major code: PS 30)  
Political Science/Public Policy (major code: PS 31).

#### Current number of Political Science Majors and Minors:

Currently, there are over 1,200 UCSD students who are pursuing a major in Political Science:

Political Science without an area of concentration = 525 students  
Political Science/American Politics = 98 students  
Political Science/Comparative Politics = 24 students  
Political Science/International Relations = 324 students  
Political Science/Political Theory = 37 students  
Political Science/Public Law = 189 students  
Political Science/Public Policy = 37 students.

#### Political Science Minor

The Department offers a minor in Political Science. To minor in Political Science, you must take 7 political science courses with a minimum of 5 upper-division. Currently, there are 77 UCSD students who are pursuing a minor in Political Science.

Visit our website at: <http://polisci.ucsd.edu>

***“POLITICS IS EVERYTHING”***

# CAREERS

A bachelor's degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations. Political science majors gain analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities that are valued in a wide spectrum of potential career areas. Some career examples include:

- Activist, Advocate/Organizer
- Archivist, Online Political Data
- Attorney
- Banking Analyst or Executive
- Budget Examiner or Analyst
- Campaign Operative
- CIA Analyst or Agent
- City Planner
- City Housing Administrator
- Congressional Office/Committee Staffer
- Coordinator of Federal or State Aid
- Communications Director
- Corporate Analyst
- Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
- Corporate Economist
- Corporate Information Analyst
- Corporate Adviser for Gov't Relations
- Corporate Executive
- Corporation Legislative Issues Manager
- Customs Officer
- Editor, Online Political Journal
- Federal Government Analyst
- Financial Consultant
- Foreign Service Officer
- High School Government Teacher
- Immigration Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- International Agency Officer
- International Research Specialist
- Journalist
- Juvenile Justice Specialist
- Legislative Analyst / Coordinator
- Lobbyist
- Plans and Review Officer, USIA
- Policy Analyst
- Political Commentator
- Pollster
- Public Affairs Research Analyst
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Research Analyst
- State Legislator
- Systems Analyst
- University Professor
- Urban Policy Planner

Source: [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)