DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE – FRESHMAN ORIENTATION – CLASS OF 2022!

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WELCOME!

Orientation Overview:

- Introductions
- Department and Political Science Majors Information
- Undergraduate Major Curriculum
- Academic Enrichment and Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Career and Post-Graduation Opportunities
- Questions and Discussion

FYI - This PowerPoint will be made available online shortly after Orientation!
WHO ARE WE?

Maureen Feeley, Director of Undergraduate Studies

- Upper-division courses: Politics of Human Rights; Politics of Development; Gender, Politics and Globalization
- Undergraduate Professional Development Series Facilitator
  - Held 2x/quarter on various topics and in collaboration with campus partners (e.g. Career Center, Study Abroad Office)

Ariane Parkes, Student Affair Manager

- Manages the Department of Political Science’s Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Natalie Ikker, Undergraduate Student Affairs Advisor

- Oversees undergraduate matters within the Department of Political Science, including advising of the eight Political Science majors
WHO ARE YOU?

Meet your fellow peers and learn something new about them today!

Rules:

- Each person can only sign one box on another person’s card
- What you sign off on must be true about yourself – be honest!
- Have fun 😊
POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UCSD

Founded in 1974, grew quickly in size and reputation

- 40 full-time faculty - world’s leading scholars
- Around 1100 undergraduate students across all POLI majors; ~50% women/men

Rankings

- National Academy of Sciences - Pol. Sc. top 10 nationally (since 1990s)
  - Research reputation of faculty and graduate students
- US News & World Report - #9 Nationally (tied with MIT)
  - 4th in International Relations
- London School of Economics - #6 Pol. Sc. Department globally
- Foreign Policy Magazine - #2 (public, #11 overall) for Undergraduate International Relations
- Washington Monthly - UCSD #1 in the nation
  - Social Mobility - Recruiting and graduating low-income students
  - Research - Preparing UGs for graduate school, discovering new technologies, creating ideas
  - Public Service - Encouraging students to give back to their country
OVERALL GOAL OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

Develop knowledge and skills to help you excel as 21st century citizens and leaders - at local, state, national and global levels.

How will we achieve this?

• Introduce you to most pressing 21st century political problems
• Build foundational knowledge and problem-solving skills
• Introduce you to cutting-edge research tools, high quality sources of qualitative and quantitative data
• Further develop critical thinking, speaking, and writing skills
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)

- Data Analytics & Research Methods
  (POLI 170-189)

Our website lists faculty by each subfield
## DEPARTMENT SUBFIELDS

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<td>National, state, and local politics in the United States – Congress, elections, race, and gender.</td>
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<td>Comparative Politics</td>
<td>Politics in other countries-democracies and autocracies, elections and revolutions.</td>
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<td>Data Analytics</td>
<td>Rigorous training in the study of probability, data collection, hypothesis testing, computation, and visual display of data as it applies to political and social science problems.</td>
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<td>International Relations</td>
<td>The study of the nation-state and its relationships. Conflict and cooperation among countries - war and peace, global economics and climate.</td>
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<td>Political Theory</td>
<td>Foundations of political thought from Plato and Aristotle to contemporary philosophers.</td>
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<td>Public Law</td>
<td>Constitutional and statutory laws that define our rights and regulate our lives. *We’ve added several new public law courses designed to develop legal research, writing and argumentation skills – e.g. POLI 104J: Introduction to Legal Reasoning; POLI 104K: Legal Argument Formulation.</td>
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<td>Public Policy</td>
<td>Analysis of policy in specific areas such as the environment, health, urban renewal and planning, etc.</td>
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- **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.
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR OPTIONS

Eight Majors:

- General Political Science (B.A.)
- Political Science/American Politics (B.A.)
- Political Science/Data Analytics (B.S.)
- Political Science/Comparative Politics (B.A.)
- Political Science/International Relations (B.A.)
- Political Science/Political Theory (B.A.)
- Political Science/Public Law (B.A.)
- Political Science/Public Policy (B.A.)

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.
POLITICAL SCIENCE/DATA ANALYTICS (B.S.)

- Newest Political Science major, starting Fall 2018!
- **Only Bachelor of Science Political Science major in the UC system!**
- 16 Political Science courses
  - 4 lower-division: POLI 5(D), POLI 30(D), and two of the following: POLI 10(D), 11(D), 12(D), 13(D)
  - 12 upper division:
    - Five in the area of concentration: POLI 100F, 168, 170A, 171, 172, 173, or 179
    - Seven additional courses from POLI 100 – 199

**Reminder:**

- ALL courses for the major must be political science courses & ALL courses must be taken all for a letter grade (including transfer courses)
The General Catalog is the official resource to verify policies and your college and major requirements: [http://www.ucsd.edu/catalog/](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.

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**UC San Diego General Catalog 2018–19**

- Catalog of Record
  - Introduction
  - Calendars
  - Undergraduate Education
  - Graduate Education
  - International Education
  - Courses, Curricula, and Faculty
  - Extension
  - Summer Session
  - Policies
  - Related Websites
  - Catalogs of Record Archive
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Locate your major requirements on the Department page: https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/major-and-minor-requirements/index.html

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 seven areas: (1) American politics, (2) comparative politics, (3) data analytics, (4) international relations (5) political theory, (6) public law, and (7) public policy. All majors, besides the data analytics concentration, 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. Student pursuing the Political Science-Data Analytics (B.S.) major must satisfy the following sixteen courses: PS 5 (Data Analytics for the Social Sciences), PS 30 (Political Inquiry), two 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.
- Check your Academic History on TritonLink: [http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu](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:**
- **PID:**
- **Student Level:**
- **College:**
- **Major:** Political Science
- **Intended Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

### Academic History

- **Term:** FA16
- **College:** Thurgood Marshall (Now Third)
- **Department:** Political Science
- **Major:** Political Science
- **Award:** BA
- **Conferred:**
- **Award Text:** Degree Awarded with GPA of

### UCSD Degrees Awarded

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### Transfer Credit

**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

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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.

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### Degree Audit

#### Department Requirements

- **Political Science - BA**
  - Public Law

- **Lower Division Requirements**
  - POLS 101 - 4.5 TA
  - POLS 102 - 4.5 TA
  - POLS 103 - 4.5 TA
  - Political Inquiry
  - POLS 301 - 4.0 WHP

- **Upper Division Summary**
  - UC transfer not calculated in audit GPA
  - Earned: 2.50 GPA

#### College Requirements

- **Revelle General Education**
  - IDETC CERTIFIED
  - Math/Stats
  - POLS 101 - 4.5 TA
  - POLS 102 - 4.5 TA
  - POLS 103 - 4.5 TA
  - Political Inquiry
  - POLS 301 - 4.0 WHP
  - Natural Sciences
  - POLS 104 - 4.0 WHP

- **WORK IN PROGRESS**
  - The following grades must be resolved for graduation
  - UC transfer not calculated in audit GPA
  - Earned: 2.50 GPA

- **Major Requirement**
  - Minimum of 48 units completed

#### University Requirements

- **Degree Audit Notes**
  -Bachelor Degree Unit Requirement
  - 180 units required

- **Required Upper Division Units**
  - Two or more units
  - In progress units included

- **In Progress units Included**
  - UC transfer not calculated in audit GPA

- **Required Units Remaining for College and Major**
  - 28 units completed

- **Electives**
  - Hours of elective units currently required

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO**

**Name:**
**PID:**

**Department:**
**College:**

**Total Units Completed:**
**UC GPA:**
**UC Graded Units:**
**Major:**

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**College of Science and Engineering (CSE)**

**Total Units Completed:**
**UC GPA:**
**UC Graded Units:**

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**See major advisor for questions on column 1; See Revelle advising for questions on columns 2 or 3.**
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Course Offerings 2018-2019 can be found on our website at: [http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/courses/index.html](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.
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
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!
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.
DEPARTMENT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT 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 twice a quarter.
- **Examples:**
  - Discussion led by Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Dr. Edie Goldenberg, and UCSD's SOVAC
  - Workshop on resumes, cover letters, networking, job search strategies and career paths for Political Science majors
  - Study Abroad opportunities and scholarships
  - Graduate school opportunities, applications, and deadlines
  - Future program and event planning
YOUR FIRST YEAR…

- **On-Campus Involvement!**
  - Jobs, Volunteering, Freshman Seminars, Student Organizations:
    - Political Science Student Association (PSSA) - Organization for students majoring in any of the Political Science majors
    - Mock Trial - Link: https://mocktrialatucsd.github.io/index.html
    - Model UN - Link: http://modelun.ucsd.edu/
    - Prospect Journal - Journal of International Affairs at UCSD. Link: https://prospectjournal.org/
  - Attend Undergraduate Professional Development Workshops
  - Visit various Student Support Services on campus
  - Connect with the Department of Political Science via Facebook
    - Get information on events and internship opportunities
Alumni Mentor Program

- 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
  - Exploratory Track: Students are matched with a mentor outside of his/her top 3 fields
- Successful applicants will have: 1) A minimum 3.5 major GPA; and 2) Earned at least 90 units

Research Apprenticeship Program (POLI 198RA)

- 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 during the Winter and Spring Quarter.
- 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 each
Local Internship Research Program (POLI 197SD, POLI 194SD)

- Receive advanced training in research methodologies and academic credit while working at a local internship related to political science.
- Eligibility: 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.

Senior Honors Program (POLI 191A, POLI 191B)

- Two quarter senior thesis project designed for highest achieving students.
- Eligibility: Minimum 3.6 major GPA, all LD POLI courses completed, minimum five UD POLI courses completed.

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 UCSD); Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses.
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.

PROGRAM TYPES

**UCEAP**
- UC's study abroad program
- Earn UC units abroad
- Top-ranked universities in over 40 countries
- Research/Internship opportunities
- Summer/Quarter/Year options
- All financial aid travels with you

**GLOBAL SEMINARS**
- UCSD faculty-led program
- 5 week summer seminars abroad
- 2 UCSD courses for 8 units
- Taught by leading UCSD professor
- Small class sizes, courses in English
- Financial aid available

**OAP**
- Third-party options offering unlimited choices
- Earn transfer units that can be used towards UCSD requirements
- Research/Internship opportunities
- Summer/Quarter/Year options
- Great for out-of-state/International students

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

WHY GO ABROAD?
- Study abroad can help YOU compete in a global workforce
- Gain international experience, independence, responsibility, self-confidence, problem-solving, language & cross-cultural skills
- Financial Aid
  - Use your financial aid abroad
  - Our advisors can help you find programs that work with your aid
  - We have many different programs with varying costs

SCHOLARSHIPS
- UCSD students receive over $500,000 in scholarships annually!
- There are many different scholarship pools available
- Study Abroad UC San Diego offers scholarship preparation workshops

WHEN YOU RETURN
- CAREER
  - Work with the Career Center to update your resume and learn how to discuss your global experience in an interview
- CONNECT
  - Connect with the network of other study abroadreturners and prospective students at UCSD and throughout the world
- CONTINUE
  - Seek out more international experiences both at UCSD, at home, and abroad
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.
CAREERS AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- **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](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.
- **Department of Political Science Website**: See “Career and Graduate School” page under “Our Undergraduate Program” headline.

For additional career advising, visit the Career Center, Political Science Department, or send an inquiry via the Virtual Advising Center.
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*
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
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
We host numerous career and graduate school events throughout the academic year.

The events in 2017-2018 included:

- Undergraduate Lunches each quarter
- “Resumes, Cover Letters, and Career Paths” workshop with the Career Services Center
- Graduate Representative from Georgetown University
- Attorney Networking Night with UCSD Pre-Law Fraternity in February
- “What I Wish I Knew Before Attending Law School” networking event with the Law & Politics Initiative

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
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.
TRANSITIONING TO UCSD & HOLISTIC EXCELLENCE
TRANSPORT 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/](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](http://awp.ucsd.edu)

- **OASIS**
  - OASIS provides free tutoring, mentoring and counseling to UCSD undergraduates. Link: [http://oasis.ucsd.edu/](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](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](http://caps.ucsd.edu/#students)

- **Community Centers**
  - Black Resource Center; Cross Cultural Center; Intertribal Resources Center; LGBT Center; Raza Resource Centro; Women’s Center
THRIVE AS A POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT

- Attend your classes!

- Connect with your TAs and Professors during office hours and often!
  - “Coffee With a Prof” & “Dine With a Prof” via your College

- Connect with the Teaching and Learning Commons in Geisel Library, West Wing
  - Supplemental Instruction (1:1 or small group) for writing, math/quantitative methods, study skills, notetaking, critical reading, and more

- Get involved and connect with your peers!
  - Ex: Political Science Student Association, other student orgs., on-campus jobs, mentor programs, College programs, student government, etc.

- Attend Department sponsored events!

  Communicate, communicate, communicate! With your peers, TAs, Professors, Advisors, and Support Programs – We want to help you when there is a concern 😊
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**
  8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.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 via the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).
RSVP Q&A

- Is it important to choose a specific subject in my major?
  
  It is up to you!

- Can a student be recognized for studying two kinds of Political Science (i.e. Public Law and Public Policy)?

  No, but...the Elective category helps!

- What is the process for declaring a minor or changing my Political Science major?

  Major/Minor Tool & Check w/Advisor

- When and how do I switch to a different Political Science major if I'm General Political Science?

  First day of classes; Major/Minor Tool & Check w/Advisor

- Can I double major? And finish in four years?

  Yes, by planning ahead! Submit petition between 90-135 units & meet Dept. Advisors

- Do political science classes fill up fast despite it being a non-impacted major?

  Depends → Strategize 1st vs 2nd pass starting in Winter Quarter

- My friend told me ________ about POLI Dept. policies, classes, etc...

  STOP! It is best practice to ask your major advisor FIRST to get clarification
Thank you and welcome to the Department of Political Science!