Major Requirements

- Locate your major requirements
  
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.
We have 7 majors in the Department

- 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

All 7 majors require 16 political science courses — 4 lower-division and 12 upper-division. If you have an area of concentration, 5 of your 12 upper-division courses will be in your concentration.

All courses for the major must be political science and you must take 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.
Department Subfields

- **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.

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

- [http://catalog.ucsd.edu](http://catalog.ucsd.edu)

Course descriptions are in the catalog; use it to learn about courses and to choose your electives.

Refer to the 2016-2017 catalog throughout your tenure at UCSD. This is your catalog year and it will not change even if you change your major.
TritonLink Academic History

- 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?
DARS Audit

The Degree Audit checks your progress for degree. Note: is not an official record and is intended to serve as reference point for students.

- Blue denotes completed requirements (T-indicates transfer course).
- Red indicates missing/incomplete requirements. To see what you're still missing, you can run a long form.
- Courses that appear on the far right-hand side under "additional lower division courses" are transfer courses not applying to degree requirements.
Tentative Schedule

- Course Offerings 2016-2017 can be found on our website at: http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/courses/index.html

- The posted schedule on our website is 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 could be scheduled back-to-back-to-back. When you enroll you also choose your final exam schedule… it cannot be changed.
Fall 2016 Enrollment

- The estimated date for all (or most) transcript evaluation by Admissions is **August 15th**.

- We will release seats for transfer students on **August 19th**. Seats will be saved for lower-division courses and some upper-division courses.

- Transfer enrollment appointments begin on approximately **August 22nd**. Your College should have already notified you of your specific enrollment time (or will soon). **New student enrollment August 22-28**.

- First day of classes is **September 22nd**.

- **Enrollment calendar**
  
  [http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html](http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html)
Waitlists and Enrollment

- If you want to add a class that is **full**, you can 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.**
- **You must adhere to all add and drop deadlines:** Enrollment calendar [http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html](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.
Departmental Opportunities

- **Senior Honors Seminar**
  Two quarter senior thesis project designed for highest achieving students. Completion of POLI 191A/B and honor’s thesis may qualify you for honors. This is a very good opportunity, especially if you are interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science. You must have a minimum 3.6 major GPA in order to be eligible.

- **Lunch with the Director of Undergraduate Studies**
  Have lunch with Maureen Feeley! Lunch is open to all Political Science majors and is held once a quarter.

- **Alumni Mentor Program** – program is currently being created more information forthcoming.
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. Under the guidance of the mentor, the student will write a seminar paper of approximately 20 pages in the spring quarter. In the winter and spring quarters, students must commit to 12 hours per week as a research assistant; during the spring, participants must also participate in a weekly research seminar: POLI 194RA.

  **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.
2016 Research Apprenticeship Projects

- “Some People Want the Fall of the Regime: Explaining Demands for Regime Change in the Arab World”
- “Careers of Taiwanese Politicians through the Legislative Yuan”
- “Preventing Child Mortality Political Incentives for Inefficient Service Delivery in Kenya”
- “Under Pressure: Social Interaction and Voting Behavior”
- “A New Way to Measure Presidential Ideology”
- “What did the President Know and When Did He Know It? Exploring the CIA's top Secret Presidential Briefings”
- “National Leaders and International Relations”
- “Are International Organizations Independent? - Powerful States and World Bank Officials”
- “Candidate Learning: How Polls Inform Campaigns”
- “What Happens in the World?”
Local Internship – Research Program in Political Science

Participants will receive advanced training in research methodologies and academic credit while working at a local internship. Specific internships include those that are relevant to Political Science and have professional quality engagement. Participating students will enroll in both a Research Seminar and an Internship Seminar for 4 units each. Students will write a 20 page paper for the Research Seminar. The Research Seminar will be allowable for the major, but the Internship Seminar will not.

Applicants must have:
- 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; 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: polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/internships
Local Internship – Research Program
(two 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 and 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 receiving 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 & Global Concentration in Political Science

**Study Abroad**

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.

**Up to 6 courses may be transferred to the major from outside UCSD. UCDC courses are not considered transfer courses.**

**Global Concentration in Political Science:**

- A minimum of eight units earned through study abroad, of which a minimum of four units would count toward the major.

- Demonstration of proficiency in a second language through the fourth quarter of university-level instruction; (Students who are bilingual and bi-literate, or have been taught extensively in another language, could satisfy the requirement by providing appropriate documentation. Contact your College with questions about this requirement); and

- 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 will satisfy this requirement.
Careers & Graduate School: Resources

- **Board of Pre-law Advisors**: Board members are attorneys currently enrolled in the doctoral program in political science at UCSD. Members of the board bring broad and deep experience as law students and attorneys. They are available for individual appointments to discuss careers in law, selection of appropriate law schools, the application and admissions processes, and other concerns that you may have about this career path. Please contact each directly to arrange an appointment.


- **APSA Careers in Political Science Handbook** – Purchase at APSA website (there is a link on our website) or check it out for a week in the department.

- **UCSD Career Services Center** - Excellent pre-law, career, and graduate school advising. For pre-law advising visit: [prelaw.ucsd.edu](http://prelaw.ucsd.edu)

- **Apsanet.org** - Good resource for career advice for political scientists.

- Facebook page: “Political Science Department at UCSD” - Visit and Like our Facebook page which lists internships and other opportunities that may be of interest to our majors. As outside organizations contact us about their internships, we update this information.

For additional career advising, come in to the Department in the fall quarter or send an inquiry via the Virtual Advisor.
Career Paths

- Political Science majors have a lot of options. Your major is not boxing you into a particular career path (i.e. majoring in Political Science does not mean that law school is your only option).

- Political Science is equipping you with transferrable skills that will make you valuable in a variety of settings. Think of these as your marketable skills.

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 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 Recent Graduates

- Head of Government Relations for Microsoft;
- 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;
- Financial Advisor;
- 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; and
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 (Bureau of labor stats).

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau
We host numerous career and graduate school events throughout the academic year. This year’s events included:

“Careers for Political Science Majors” “Legal Careers/Applying to Law School” “CIA Careers and Internships” and “Political Science Alumni Meet & Greet”

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Monday, November 7th 6:00pm-7:30pm**, SSB 104, representatives from the following **graduate programs** will speak about applying to graduate school and **potential careers in international affairs**: UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy; Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs; Georgetown University, The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service; Johns Hopkins University, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies; Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; and Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

- **Pre-law workshop** (will include Department’s pre-law advisors): **Winter 2017, date TBD**

- **Networking event with Political Science alumni and current undergraduates**: **Spring 2017, date TBD**
Department & UCSD 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 #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 #13**: Foreign Policy Journal ranks our program as 13th best undergraduate program in International Relations in the world.

- 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.
Clubs & Organizations

- **Political Science Club**
  Club for students interested in political science. Like their Facebook page “Political Science Students’ Association at UCSD” or e-mail them at: ucsdpoliscicclub@gmail.com

- **Model UN**: http://modelun.ucsd.edu/

- **Pi Sigma Alpha**: National Political Science Honor Society
  **Eligibility:**
  1. 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);
  2. Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses

- **Pre-Law Society**: prelawsocietyucsd@gmail.com

- **Go to**: [http://studentorg.ucsd.edu/](http://studentorg.ucsd.edu/) for a full list of student organizations
Transition to UCSD

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

- **OSD** - Office of Students with Disabilities; 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)

- **CAPS** - [http://caps.ucsd.edu/#students](http://caps.ucsd.edu/#students) — Counseling and Psychological Services

- A new **Writing and Communication Hub** will be opening in Fall 2016 as a unit of the Teaching + Learning Commons on the lower level of Geisel Library.

- Know the academic deadlines!

  - **Enrollment calendar** - [http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html](http://blink.ucsd.edu/instructors/courses/enrollment/calendars/index.html)
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 requirements, overall unit issues, etc.

**Academic Year Advising Hours:**

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.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
9:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-2:00 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

- Questions? Comments?
- Contact information:
  - Political Science Administration: Social Sciences Building 301
  - Website: [http://polisci.ucsd.edu/](http://polisci.ucsd.edu/)
  - No advising over phone or e-mail.
  - This PowerPoint will be uploaded to the Political Science website at: