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.
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. *Note: We have added several interesting public law and American politics courses to our course offerings, that enrich the student’s ability to write and argue legal briefs, and learn the basics of legal research and reasoning. For example, POLI 104J: Introduction to Legal Reasoning and POLI 104K: Legal Argument Formulation.*
- **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.
We Have Seven 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 courses 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.
UCSD GENERAL CATALOG

- 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 2017-2018 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

Check your Academic History on TritonLink

http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu

Are the courses you took listed?

Are the UCSD equivalent courses listed?
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 2017-2018 can be found on our website at: http://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/courses/index.html

- The Winter and Spring 2018 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. Fall 2017 is currently 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 2017 ENROLLMENT

- The estimated date for all (or most) transcript evaluation by Admissions is **August 15**.
- We will release seats for transfer students on **August 18**. Seats will be saved for lower-division courses and some upper-division courses.
- Transfer enrollment appointments begin on approximately **August 21st**. Your College should have already notified you of your specific enrollment time (or will soon).
- First day of classes is **September 28**.
- Know your deadlines! 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.
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.”

To complement courses taught by our permanent faculty, we bring 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 a quarter.
ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM

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

There will be two tracks to the program: an aligned track and an exploratory track. If admitted to the program, you will be matched with a mentor in one of your top 3 fields, along with one you did not list in the top 3, as an exploratory option.

You will connect with your “aligned” track mentor via: 1) a career conversation; 2) a resume critique; and 3) a mock interview. You will connect with your “exploratory” mentor via one required “career conversation”.

Available fields are:

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

Successful applicants will have:

- A minimum 3.5 major GPA; and
- Earned at least 90 units.

The first 30 eligible students who apply will be admitted to the program. Additional eligible applicants will be placed on a waitlist.
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 and earn major credit (POLI 198RA); during the spring, participants must also participate in a weekly research seminar: POLI 199.

**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 Research Apprenticeship Projects

- Dissent, Social Mobility, and Authoritarian Regime Stability
- Who Wins? The Political Economy of Sovereign Debt Restructuring
- The Moral Partisan - How Our Political Identification Shapes Our Views of Others
- Is China an Exception to the Commercial Peace? Economic Interdependence and Chinese Statecraft
- Why Women "Don't Know" More Than Men: Psychological Causes and Political Implications of Decreased Opinion Reporting
- Exploring the Consequences of the Social Transmission of Political (Mis)Information
- Plural Governance: Race and Representation in the US
- The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Congressional Elections
- Globalization and "De-Facto" Political Decentralization
- Foreign Aid and Fragmentation
- Air Pollution and Major Emitters in China
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. 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. You can view all the honors theses that have earned honors since 2012 on our website at our “Departmental Honors” page. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
LOCAL INTERNSHIPS – 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.

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

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.

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.
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.

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.
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CAREERS & GRADUATE SCHOOL: RESOURCES

Political Science Alumni Mentor Program: Will be launched Fall 2017

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

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.
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 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
JOB TITLES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI (CONT’D)

- 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 (Bureau of labor stats)

Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau
Departmental Events

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”

RECENT EVENTS:

Pre-law Mixer, in February On February 9th, the Department, in conjunction with the UCSD Pre-law Fraternity Pi Alpha Delta, hosted a Pre-Law Mixer. The event was held at the beautiful Village Fifteen on campus. Many pre-law students attended, as well as attorneys and judges from all over San Diego County. Students and attorneys shared hors d’oeuvres and discussed the legal profession.

Networking event with Political Science alumni and current undergraduates: Spring 2017, date TBD
DEPARTMENT & 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: ** The Department is ranked #9 by the National Academy of Sciences.

- ** 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.
We are so highly ranked not by following established traditions but 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

1. **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)

2. **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

3. **Thad Kousser** He studies American state and national politics, government reform, direct democracy, interest group influence, and how politicians use social media

4. **Marisa Abrajano** Her research is in the field of American politics, particularly in the areas of campaigns, mass electoral behavior, and race/ethnic politics.
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: ucsdpolisciclub@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

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: prelawsoocietyucsd@gmail.com

Prospect Journal: Journal of International Affairs at UCSD https://prospectjournal.org/

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

Student Success Coaching Program
https://students.ucsd.edu/sponsor/success/ 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.

ANALYTICAL WRITING PROGRAM http://awp.ucsd.edu 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.

OASIS- 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

CAPS- http://caps.ucsd.edu/#students — Counseling and Psychological Services
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 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/
• 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