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I plan to track my major requirements and pick courses that will best suit my future plans, as well as take opportunities within my major to gain more experience with my intended career path.

I plan to attend all my classes, ask for help from professors when I need it, make connections with students and professors.

I plan to take advantage of resources and take a number of diverse classes to widen my range of political knowledge.

I can't wait to explore the on-campus resources and opportunities at UCSD and take a plethora of courses related to Political Science. I'm also very interested in participating in a foreign exchange program.

Would love to do a legal internship or shadow someone who plays a role in the legal system.

A big part of my plan to become a successful political science student is time management. Finding a great balance between my personal life and studying would make it easier for me to keep up with my classes. I also find it important to connect with, my classmates in case I need help.

I will create a 4 year plan so I know what classes I need to take each quarter and I plan to join organizations that will support my journey in political science.

I plan to be successful as a Political Science student at UC San Diego by taking advantage of the resources and opportunities I have available both on campus and off campus. My hope is that I can enrich my understanding of the field through classes, with peers, and in internships and other opportunities.

I plan to be successful as a political science student at UC San Diego by using the resources available to me or reaching out for support when needed. As a first-generation student, the process of getting to this point of my life has been difficult. I've always found a way to figure things out on my own but there's some things I can't overcome by myself and I want to work on asking to better my learning experience.
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/Data Analytics (POLI 170-189)

Our website lists faculty by each subfield
## SUBFIELDS IN THE DEPARTMENT

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<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>
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<td>Public Policy</td>
<td>Analysis of policy in specific areas such as the environment, health, urban renewal.</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

Nine 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.)
- Political Science/Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (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.
Visit the Undergrad Webpages!

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Comparative Politics (B.A.) - PS 27

The study of foreign governments and politics in other countries - democracies and autocracies, elections and revolutions.

ALL COURSES FOR THE MAJOR MUST BE TAKEN FOR A LETTER GRADE.

Requirements:

Lower Division required:

1. POLI 11 or 11R
2. Two (2) from the following introductory sequence lower division courses: POLI 10 or 10D, POLI 12 or 12D, POLI 13R* or 13DR*
3. POLI 30 or 30D

Upper Division required:

1. Five (5) upper-division Comparative Politics courses, of which:
   a. At least one (1) from the following Thematic courses: 120, 123, 124, 126, 128, 129, 131, 133, 135, 136, 138A, 138C, 139, 144A, 144B, 144D, 144E, 144J, 139
   b. At least one (1) course from any two (2) of the following Regional areas:
      - Africa: 120M, 120N, 120P, 120Q
      - Asia: 121, 121B, 123B, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D, 123D
   c. The two (2) additional courses for the Comparative Politics concentration must be chosen from POLI 120-139.
2. Seven (7) additional upper division Political Science elective courses from POLI 100 - 199, except for POLI 197 courses.

* Duplicate credit cannot be given for both an in-person version of a course and the remote (R) version of the same course toward a major.

Academic Advising Information

The Department of Political Science offers academic advising services to UCSD students.

Current Students: Please send a message through the Virtual Advising Center or stop by during drop-in advising hours.

Prospective Students: Please review our Department Website, specifically the "Undergraduate Program" tab prior to sending any remaining questions via email to advising@polisci.ucsd.edu.

From CASP - Video on how to use the Virtual Advising Center.

Academic Advising at UC San Diego: Major Advisors vs. College Advisors

Your Political Science Undergraduate Advisor is available to provide advice and answers to questions about the Undergraduate Program in Political Science.

Your college advisor will guide you with general academic support, assist you with questions, and provide advice on university requirements, major requirements, IS&T, writing and graduation, and policy questions.

Who Should You See?

Navigating Academic Advising and Records at UC San Diego (BC Resource)

Major and Course Planning

In order to plan out your Political Science major and remaining courses effectively, please utilize the Quarter by Quarter plan below that fits your needs. The documents linked PDFs; students are more the welcome to fill out a plan and have it verified by the Undergraduate Advisor. We recommend you consider which Department and campus programs you may be interested in pärtaking during your time at UCSD.

Quarter by Quarter Plan - Two Years (Blank, Political Science)
Quarter by Quarter Plan - Three Years (Blank, Political Science)
Quarter by Quarter Plan - Four Years (Blank, Political Science)
Quarter by Quarter Plan - Five Years (Blank, UCSD)

Incoming Freshmen and Transfer students should review the general academic plans at plans.ucsd.edu
Make A Plan!

Major Checklist:

In order to plan out your Political Science - Comparative Politics major and remaining courses effectively, please utilize the Major Checklist below. The document is a fillable PDF; students are encouraged to review their plan and progress with the Department’s Undergraduate Advisor.

**Political Science - Comparative Politics (B.A.) Major Checklist**

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**Note:**

- All courses for the Political Science major must be taken for a LETTER grade of C- or better. With the exception of LAWS 101, non-political science courses are not allowable for the major.

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### Quarter by Quarter Plan for Political Science Majors

**Four Year Plan**

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**Majors:**

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- Political Science - American Politics, B.A.
- Political Science - Comparative Politics, B.A.
- Political Science - Data Analytics, 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.

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**Reminders:**

- All major courses must be taken for a letter grade and earn a C- or better; exceptions include POU 198BA and POU 199, which may only be taken P/NP.
- POU 300(3) must be completed at UC San Diego.
- POU 197SD and POU 197 are not allowable for major credit.
- Non-POU courses are not allowable for the major; an exception is LAWS 101.
Joint BA/MIA Program between the Department of Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy

Must be a currently enrolled UCSD Political Science student who meets the eligibility requirements

Students would begin to take graduate level courses in their senior year at UCSD and pay undergraduate fees

Following year: Complete graduate level courses and earn both a BA and MIA degree from UC San Diego

Visit websites below and contact BA/MIA Academic Advisor for more information

Political Science website
https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/major-and-minor-requirements/International_affairs.html

GPS website
https://gps.ucsd.edu/academics/concurrent-degrees/ba-mia-ps.html
REVIEW YOUR OFFICIAL ACADEMIC RECORD EVERY QUARTER

- Check your Academic History on TritonLink: http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu
- Are the courses you took or are currently enrolled in listed?
- Are the UCSD equivalent courses listed?
The Degree Audit checks your progress for degree.

- **Green** indicates completed requirements (T-indicates transfer course).
- **Blue** indicates in-progress for completion.
- **Red** indicates missing/incomplete requirements.
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Course Offerings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website
- 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

![Department of Political Science](image-url)
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
FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT

- Departments/programs release seats for new students.
- **Enrollment Guidance** from your College viewable on New Triton Advising for all first-year and transfer students at vac.ucsd.edu
- Use the academic planning guide from the PoliSci website! If you have questions, first-year students can access their college and major advisors through Online Advising (internally called E-VAC).

- The estimated date for all (or most) on-time transcript evaluation to be completed by Admissions around mid-August

- First-Years enroll starting August 29th (First Pass in a 2-Pass System)

  First day of classes is **September 28th**.

  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 ENROLLMENTS

- To add a class that is full, use WebReg to waitlist the course (during 2nd pass)
- 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.
- 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.
All students now have a 2 Pass Enrollment system

- First pass begins for first-years on August 29
  - You may select open courses that add up to 11.5 units
    - Not able to waitlist any classes
- Second pass begins for first-years on Sept 1st
  - Longer time period to add courses (until Week 2 of Fall quarter = Add Deadline)
    - Can enroll or waitlist in up to 19.5 units
- Students can add up to 22 units without extra permission beginning the first day of Fall classes
DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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.”

Undergraduate Professional Development Workshops (starting in Winter 2024)

Examples:

- Workshops on resumes, cover letters, networking, job search strategies, and Political Science career paths
- Internship Panel
- Study Abroad opportunities, programs, and scholarships + application to Political Science Major
- Graduate school opportunities, applications, and deadlines
- Future program and event planning
Launched in the Fall 2017 Quarter

- Two tracks in the program: **Career Track** and **Exploratory Track**
  - **Career Track**: Students are matched with a mentor in one of his/her top three fields
    - Connect with the mentor via: 1) a career conversation; 2) a resume critique; and 3) a possible mock interview
  - **Exploratory Track**: Students are matched with a mentor outside of their top three fields
    - Connect with the mentor via one required “career conversation”
- Successful applicants will have
  1) A minimum 3.0 major GPA; and
  2) Earned at least 90 units

**Available Fields:**
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Foreign Service
- Government (local, state, or federal)
- Healthcare
- Law
- Non-profit
- Politics
- Private Sector
- Urban Planning
- & More!
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research Apprenticeship Program

- Work directly with a departmental mentor for the winter and spring quarters. Each student will collaborate with a grad PhD student mentor and work 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
- Recommended major GPA of 3.0 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
**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.

https://polisci.ucsd.edu/people/faculty/faculty-directory/currently-active-faculty/index.html
SENIOR HONORS PROGRAM

Two quarter senior thesis project designed for highest achieving students

- Completion of POLI 191A + POLI 191B and honors thesis may qualify you for honors
- POLI 191A and POLI 191B are allowable for major credit toward the upper-division elective category; must earn a C- or better
- Eligibility: Senior standing, minimum 3.6 major GPA in order to be eligible, completed all lower division courses for your major, and completed a minimum of five UD POLI courses

A great opportunity for students, especially those interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science!

- You can view all the honors theses that have earned honors since 2012 on our website at our “Departmental Honors” page
Participants will earn 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 (POLI 194SD) and an Internship Seminar course (POLI 197SD) for 4 units each
- Completion 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.
CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
Live and Work in Washington or Sacramento for a quarter!

- Intern for one quarter in Washington, DC or Sacramento and receive UCSD course credit for an internship, major credit for a research seminar, and an optional elective course.
- Gain firsthand exposure to professional environments, and develop the skills you need for your future career.
- Establish and expand your professional network.
- Referrals and recommendations have long been proven to have a major impact in the job search.

Internships are available in all types of settings and industries, and are a great way to polish your resume.
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!

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

Check Out UCEAP’s Featured Programs in Political Science on the UCEAP website!

UGANDA/RWANDA
Subjects: Peace and Conflict Studies
Location: Lake Victoria Basin
Terms: Summer
Info: studyabroad.ucsd.edu

CHINA
Subjects: International Studies/Politics
Location: Fudan University
Terms: Spring
Info: studyabroad.ucsd.edu

AUSTRALIA
Subjects: Political & Social Inquiry
Location: University of Melbourne
Terms: Fall, Spring, Year
Info: studyabroad.ucsd.com

AND MANY MORE...

WHAT ARE MY FIRST STEPS?

1. Attend a First Steps session in-person or online
2. Research program options online
3. Meet with a Study Abroad advisor
4. Search for abroad courses that can fulfill Political Science requirements
5. Meet with the Political Science academic advisor
6. Meet with your college academic advisor

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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’s faculty-led program
• 5 week summer sessions 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

CLASSES

SEARCH
Step 1: Search for courses offered by the university you wish to attend abroad

DISCUSS
Step 2: Meet with your major/colllege advisors to see if these courses can be applied to your UCSD requirements

PETITION
Step 3: When you return from abroad, petition your classes to count towards your UCSD requirements

 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 peaks available
• Study Abroad UC San Diego offers scholarship preparation workshops

WHEN YOU RETURN

RESUME
• Work with the Career Center to update your resume and learn how to discuss your global experience to an interviewer

CONNECT
• Connect with the network of other study abroad returnees and prospective students at UCSD and throughout the world

CONTINUE
• Seek out more international experiences both at UCSD, at home, and abroad
CAREERS AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
WHAT EMPLOYERS ARE SEEKING

Your major is not boxing you into a particular career

- Political Science equips you with transferable 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*
DEPARTMENT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS:
Previous Examples

Undergraduate Professional Development Series (1/quarter)
- Graduate Student Panel: Pros + Cons of Pursuing Graduate School
- Library Resources for Political Science Students
- Alumni 101 Panels
- Financing Your UCDC Experience; Importance of UCDC Internships
- Transfer Triton Hub Information Session
- Capital Fellows Program
- Studying Abroad as a Political Science Major; Study Abroad Scholarships
- Information sessions for Department’s new Political Science – Race, Ethnicity, and Politics major and joint BA/MIA program with GPS

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

Krinsk-Houston Law and Politics Initiative Events
- What I Wish I Knew Before Attending Law School
- Securing and Excelling in Your Legal Internships
- Law School Launch
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
- 10+ Pre-Law, seminar-style classes
- Internship page updated frequently
RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

❑ Political Science Alumni Mentor Program
❑ **Board of Pre-law Advisors:** 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.

❑ **American Political Science Association**
❑ **UCSD Career Services Center:** Excellent career and graduate school advising.

❑ **LinkedIn page:** “Department of Political Science - UC San Diego”
❑ **Department of Political Science Website:** See “Career and Graduate School” page under “Our Undergraduate Program” headline.

*For additional career advising, visit the Career Center, connect with faculty in the Political Science Department, or send an inquiry via the Virtual Advising Center.*
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Political Science Student Association (PSSA)
  - Organization for students majoring in any of the Political Science majors
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- 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
    - Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses
- Prospect Journal
- Journal of International Affairs at UCSD

Go to: [http://studentorg.ucsd.edu/](http://studentorg.ucsd.edu/) for a full list of student organizations
Office for Students with Disabilities Info

- **Department OSD Liaison:**
  Zain Sharifi

- **Procedures can be found on our website**

- **Things to keep in mind:**
  - Must meet with OSD Specialist to receive an Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) Letter
  - You do not have to wait until classes begin to start the process
  - You will be contacted, expect an email during Week 1 of the quarter
  - Set up and appointment if applicable

By the end of your appointment your questions should be answered, exams scheduled (if applicable) and any follow-ups will be scheduled.
TRANSITIONING TO UCSD

- **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.

- **Analytical Writing Program**
  - Designed to help students master the critical thinking, reading, and writing skills that will enable success at the university and in students’ professional lives.

- **Academic Achievement Hub / Teaching and Learning Commons**
  - Content tutoring, supplemental instruction, and incorporating learning strategies.

- **OASIS**
  - OASIS provides free tutoring, mentoring and counseling to UCSD undergraduates.

- **Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD)**
  - Register online.

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**
  - CAPS provides FREE, confidential, psychological counseling and crisis services for registered UCSD students.

- **Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OPHD)**
  - Educate the UC San Diego community about issues of bias, harassment and discrimination and to assist with the prevention and resolution of these issues in a fair and responsible manner.
ADVISING STRUCTURE
MULTI-TIERED ADVISEMENT

Department advisors are your resource for any questions regarding your Political Science major requirements

- 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, University requirements, overall unit issues, etc.

Current Advising Availability
Monday – Friday:
Answering questions via the Virtual Advising Center between 8:00 – 4:30pm
See you in September!