



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Presentation Outline

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- Department Opportunities
- Campus Opportunities for Major Requirements
- Careers and Graduate School
- Excellence In and Out of the Classroom
- Student Involvement and Support
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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)



Subfields in the Department (Cont.)

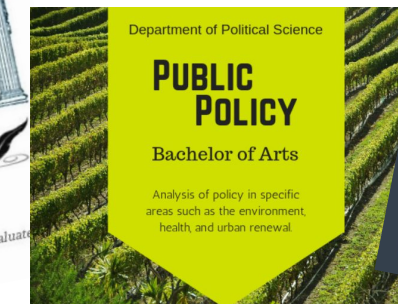
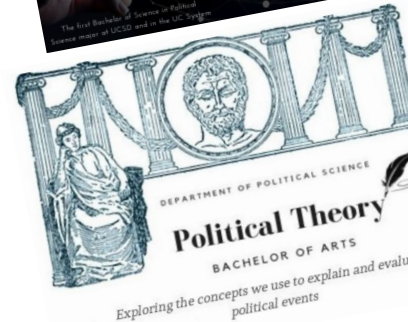
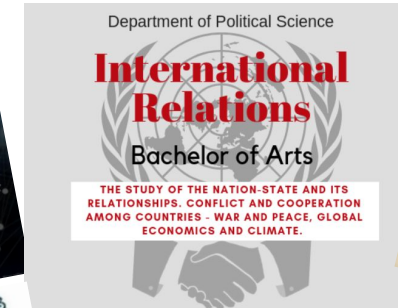
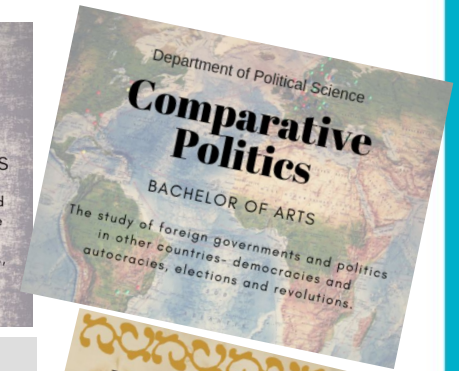
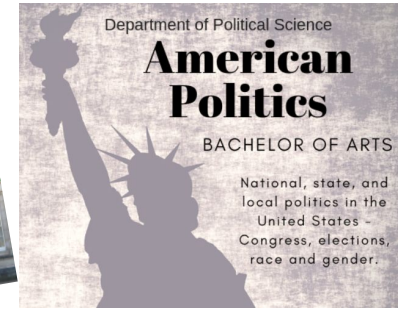
Subfield	Description
American Politics	National, state, and local politics in the United States – Congress, elections, race, and gender.
Comparative Politics	Politics in other countries-democracies and autocracies, elections and revolutions.
Data Analytics	Rigorous training in the study of probability, data collection, hypothesis testing, computation, and visual display of data as it applies to political and social science problems.
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. <i>*We have added several courses that enrich the student's ability to write and argue legal briefs, and learn the basics of legal research and reasoning.</i>
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.

Nine Majors in the Department of Political Science

- 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.)



Political Science – International Affairs (BA)/Master in International Affairs (MIA)

- Joint BA/MIA Program between the Department of Political Science and School of Global Policy and Strategy
- Began in Fall 2020; first cohort applied in Spring 2021 and started in Fall 2021
 - 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
- Informational page and videos are on our Department website

Department of Political Science vs. International Studies Program

Department of Political Science	International Studies Program
The Department of Political Science challenges students to better understand political questions and political change at local, national, and international levels, offering specialized focus across many different political science concentrations.	The International Studies Program challenges students to explore the processes and consequences of interactions among institutions and individuals at the international and national, and global and local levels.
Majors are NOT interdisciplinary	Majors are interdisciplinary
No Language Requirement	Language Requirement
Total of eight Bachelor of Arts majors and one Bachelor of Science major, with one of the majors being the Political Science – International Relations (B.A.) Major	Total of nine Bachelor of Arts majors, with one of them being the International Studies – Political Science (B.A.) Major
For the Political Science majors, all 16 required courses are Political Science (POLI) courses	For the IS – Political Science major, students choose eight Political Science (POLI) courses

Tentative Course Offerings

- Tentative course offerings for 2023-2024 can be found on our website
- The courses 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

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for 2022-2023

This schedule is **TENTATIVE** and subject to change

Last updated on May 2, 2022

SPRING 2022 Schedule is currently live in the

[Schedule of Classes](#)

FALL 2022

11D	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Ferree, Karen
12D	Introduction to Political Science: International Relations	Roeder, Phil
13DR	Power and Justice	Forman, Fonna
27	Ethics and Society	Elgin, Sam
28	Ethics and Society II	Elgin, Sam
30D	Political Inquiry	Desposato, Scott
100G	How to Win or Lose an Election	Fletcher, Nathan
100V	Organized Interests	Gause, LaGina
100W	Politics, Policy, & Educ Inequality	Paglayan, Agustina
104A	Supreme Court & Constitution	Smith, Glenn
104F	Constitutional Law	Smith, Glenn
104M	Law and Sex	Stebens, Matthews

DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Courses and Connections

Exciting and Relevant Courses

- Courses such as “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.”
- Practitioners channel their real-world experiences into courses like “How to Win or Lose and Election” and “Science, Technology, and the Law.”

Professional Development Workshop Series

- Have lunch with your peers and Professor Maureen Feeley, Director of Undergraduate Studies & get immersed in professional development opportunities 2-3x/quarter
- **Examples:**
 - Workshops on resumes, cover letters, networking, job search strategies, and Political Science career paths
 - Transfer Triton Hub Information Session
 - Study Abroad opportunities, programs, and scholarships + application to Political Science Major
 - Graduate school opportunities, applications, and deadlines
 - Capital Fellows Program
 - Future program and event planning

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.
 - Winter & 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
 - 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

Senior Honors Program

Two-quarter senior thesis project designed for the Department's highest achieving students

- Completion of POLI 191A/B and honors thesis may qualify you for honors
- POLI 191A/B are allowable for major credit toward the upper-division elective category
- Eligibility: You must have a minimum 3.6 major GPA in order to be eligible

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

Local Internship Research Program

Receive advanced training in research methodologies and 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 (197SD) for 4 units each
- The Research Seminar is allowable for the major, but the Internship Seminar is not allowable
- Completion of a 20 page paper for the Research Seminar

Eligible Applicants Have:

- Passed at least 90 units;
- 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA overall;
- GPA of 3.0 or higher in political science;
- Completed POLI 30(D); and
- Completed at least two upper-division political science courses

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS



UCDC Program & UC Center Sacramento Program

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 first hand 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 & Global Concentration

- Travel almost anywhere in the world while taking Political Science courses and receive credit for the major!
- Up to six (6) courses may be transferred to the major from outside UCSD!

Global Concentration

- At least eight units earned during study abroad; at least four units must count toward the major
- Proficiency in a second language through the fourth quarter of university-level instruction
- 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.

study abroad in
POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDY ABROAD UC San Diego

DEPT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE SSB Room 301 polisci.ucsd.edu | STUDY ABROAD UC SAN DIEGO International Center studyabroad.ucsd.edu

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS
Check Out UCEAP's Featured Programs in Political Science on the UCEAP website!

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

BRAZIL
Subject: International Relations
Location: Pontifical Catholic Univ. Rio
Terms: Fall, Spring, Year
Info: uceap.ucop.edu

CHINA
Subject: International Studies/Politics
Location: Fudan University
Terms: Spring
Info: uceap.ucop.edu


AUSTRALIA
Subject: Political & Social Inquiry
Location: University of Melbourne
Terms: Fall, Spring, Year
Info: studiesabroad.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

GRADUATE ON TIME

72% 
Social Science majors WHO STUDIED ABROAD 4-year Graduation Rate

61% 
Social Science majors who DID NOT STUDY ABROAD 4-year graduation rate

GET MAJOR CREDIT

97% 
Political Science students who took major courses abroad and RECEIVED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING MAJOR CREDIT

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 systematically and strategically); planning and development (conceptualize problems and demonstrate leadership); group skills (ability to work in a team)

Science

*Source: APSA Careers and the Study of Political

Career Resources for Political Science Students

- **UCSD Career Services Center:** Excellent pre-law, career, and graduate school advising.
- **Political Science Alumni Mentor Program**
- **APSA Careers in Political Science Handbook**
- **LinkedIn page: “Department of Political Science – UC San Diego”**
- **Department of Political Science Website:** See “Career and Graduate School” page under “Our Undergraduate Program” tab

For additional career advising, visit the Career Center, Political Science Department, connect with your professors, or send an inquiry via the Virtual Advising Center.

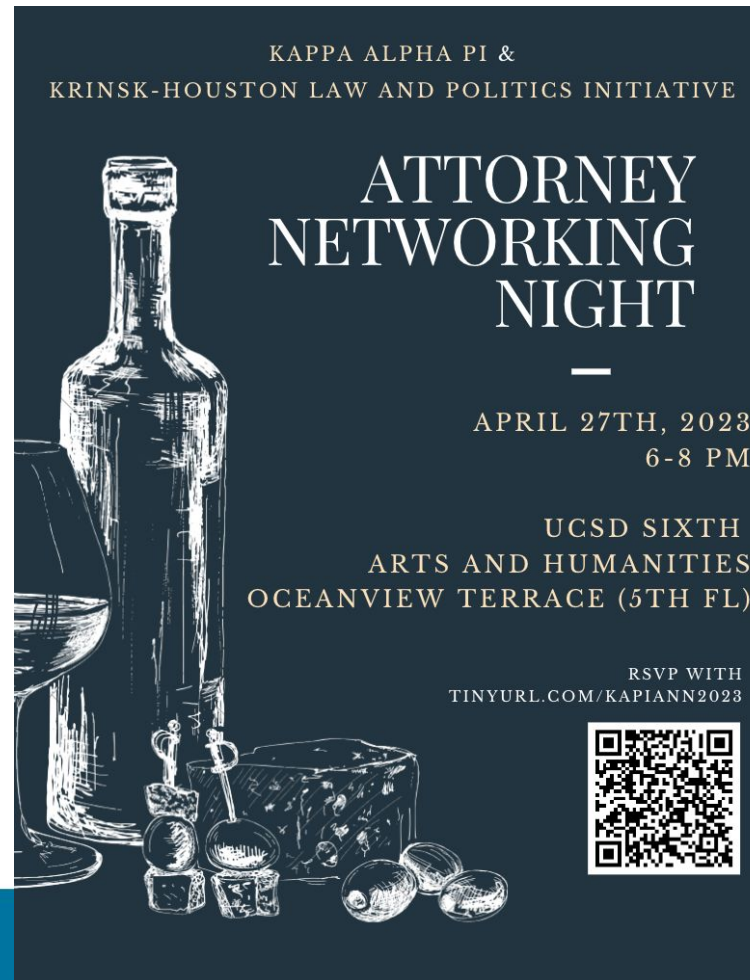
Krinsk-Houston Law & Politics Initiative

- 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: Maysa Nichter, J.D.
- 10+ Pre-Law, seminar-style classes
- Internship page updated frequently



Law and Politics Events

- Attorney Networking Night on Thursday
- Black Law Panel
- LSAT Logic Games Workshop with TestMasters
- Law School Launch



EXCELLENCE IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM



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, and how politicians use social interest group influence, 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.

Department and UC San Diego Rankings

The Department of Political Science is ranked:

- #6 in the London School of Economics and Political Science Rankings
- #7 in the National Research Council (2022)
- #8 in Political Science, #13 in American Politics, #10 in Comparative Politics, #5 in International Politics, and #17 in Political Methodology, in US News and World Rankings “Best Graduate Schools” (2021)
- #11 in Foreign Policy Journal for International Relations (2019)

UC San Diego is ranked:

- #8 in “Top Public Schools 2022” in US News and World Reports
- #9 Nationally as “Best Value College” by Money Magazine (2020)
- #12 in Washington Monthly’s National University Rankings (2021)
- #15 Nationally as “America’s Top Colleges” by Forbes (2012)
- #21 as “Best Global Universities Rankings” in US News and World Reports (2021)
- #34 in World University Ranking (2022)

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 (transfer students must have completed at least two (2) of the three upper division courses at UC San Diego);
 - Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses
- **Kappa Alpha Pi**
 - UCSD's pre-law fraternity
- **Prospect Journal**
- **Journal of International Affairs at UCSD**

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. 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**

- Helps students master critical thinking, reading, and writing skills that enable success at UCSD and in future careers

- **Academic Achievement Hub**

- Content tutoring, supplemental instruction, and incorporating learning strategies

- **OASIS**

- Free tutoring, mentoring, transition programs, and general counseling for UCSD undergraduates, particularly underrepresented and underserved students

- **Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)**

- Works with undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students with documented disabilities, reviewing documentation and, through an interactive process with the student, determining reasonable accommodations

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

- FREE, confidential, psychological counseling and crisis services for registered UCSD students

Triton Transfer Hub

Opened to students in 2019

- If you're looking for a community of students who are going through similar experiences as yourself, look no further than the Triton Transfer Hub!
- Offers hangouts, academic and career workshops, and other transfer-specific information – both in-person and online.
- They have study space, printing, and snacks.
- Website has the “New Transfer Student Guide” to ensure students are starting off on the right foot.
- More transfer-specific resources, such as student spotlights and events/services within the Triton Transfer Hub



The graphic features a dark blue background with a heart-shaped logo in the top left containing the text 'TRITON TRANSFERS'. To the right of the logo, the title 'TRITON TRANSFER HUB' is displayed in large, bold, white and yellow letters, underlined with a wavy line. Below the title, four circular icons are arranged vertically, each followed by a service name in white capital letters: a desk icon for 'STUDY SPACES', a group of people icon for 'SOCIAL EVENTS', a person with a speech bubble icon for 'PEER COACHING', and a person with a laptop icon for 'ACADEMIC & CAREER WORKSHOPS'. To the right of these icons is a white-bordered box containing the text 'VISIT WEBSITE for NEW TRANSFER STUDENT GUIDE' in blue and white. In the bottom right corner, there is a small 'CONNECT TODAY!' text with a curved arrow pointing to a social media icon. At the very bottom, a dark blue banner contains the email 'TRITONTRANSFERS@UCSD.EDU', the location 'BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES LIBRARY (FALL 20)', the Instagram handle '@TRITONTRANSFERS', and another social media icon.

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ADVISING STRUCTURE AT UC SAN DIEGO

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 nine 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.

Anticipated Summer Advising Availability

Monday – Friday

Virtual Advising Center & E-VAC

In-person advising TBD

A blue-tinted photograph of a pier over the ocean at sunset or sunrise. The pier's wooden structure is visible, with a bright light source creating a starburst effect through the pillars. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and a small figure of a person is on the beach to the right.

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Thank You!