

UC San Diego

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION

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How do you plan to be successful as a Political Science student at UC San Diego?

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

A big part of my plan to become a successful political science student is checking emails, reaching out to department for help, and being organized and proactive,

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.

I will make sure to participate in a variety of clubs, courses, and additional Programs.

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.

Attend all my classes, ask for help from professors when I need it, make connections with students and professors

In order to be a successful Political Science student at UC San Diego I plan to maintain a healthy balance between my social life and academic one, but just as well actively participate and interact with related clubs, internships, volunteer opportunities, etc. related to my major to better gain knowledge and further develop my overall preparedness.

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 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 or Race, Ethnicity and Politics
(POLI 10 and POLI 100-109)
- ☐ Comparative Politics
(POLI 11 and POLI 120-139)
- ☐ International Relations
(POLI 12 and POLI 140-159)
- ☐ Political Theory
(POLI 13 and POLI 110-119)
- ☐ Public Law
(POLI 104 Series)
- ☐ Public Policy
(POLI 160-169)
- ☐ Data Analytics
(POLI 170-189)

Our website lists faculty by each subfield

SUBFIELDS IN THE DEPARTMENT

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.
Public Policy	Analysis of policy in specific areas such as the environment, health, urban renewal.
Race, Ethnicity, and Politics	The study of racial and ethnic differences in the United States and in other regions of the world. In depth analysis of citizenship, nationality, violence, immigration, and other political phenomena.

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:

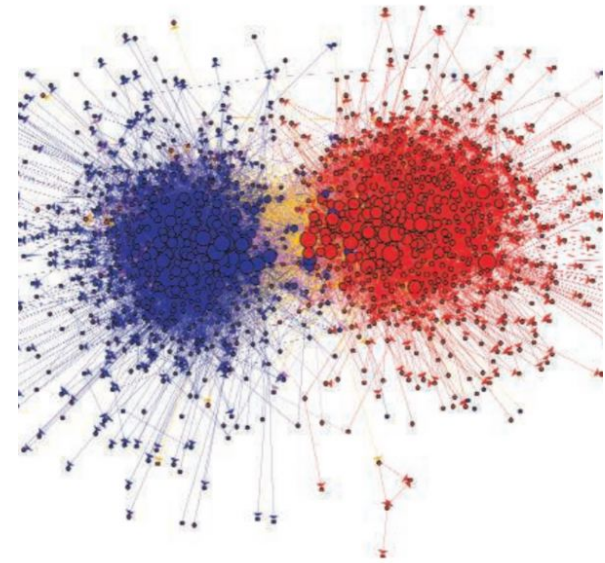
- ☐ 16 Political Science courses
 - ☐ 4 lower-division and 12 upper division
- ☐ Have an Area of Concentration?
 - ☐ 5 of the 12 upper division courses must be fulfilled in the concentration
- ☐ ALL courses for the major must be political science courses
- ☐ ALL courses must be taken all for a letter 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.

Computational Social Science Minor - Quick Facts

- Interdisciplinary minor - spans School of Social Sciences
- Housed administratively in Political Science
- Minor Code: M083
- Website: css.ucsd.edu

Advising:

- **Tuesday (remote)**
 - 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday (in person in SSB 442):**
 - 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.



What is Computational Social Science (CSS)?

- Apply **causal social science models** and computational models, simulations, and analysis to “big data” to uncover how people think, decide, and act in groups, markets, and states
 - How does social media influence voter turnout?
 - During COVID-19, how can we find the areas that lack testing and need it the most?
 - How can we reduce crime while respecting privacy?
 - How does the existence of potholes impact the economic viability of a community?
 - How do microaggressions relate to consumer behavior?
 - Topics like: gender bias in sports journalism, do men advance faster than women in video games, online dating, misinformation in crisis events on social media

Who might consider CSS Minor?

- Social Science majors (that's you!) interested in technical skills and learning programming
- Computer Science, Data Science and related majors looking for social science applications



If you have any questions about this minor please contact CSS via the VAC.

Visit the Undergrad Webpages!

<https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad>

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Major And Minor Requirements

General Political Science (B.A.)

American Politics (B.A.)

Comparative Politics (B.A.)

Data Analytics (B.S.)

International Relations (B.A.)

Political Theory (B.A.)

Public Law (B.A.)

Public Policy (B.A.)

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (B.A.)

Minor in Political Science

Minor in Political Science - Data Analytics

Law and Society Minor

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 11D](#)
2. Two (2) from the following introductory sequence lower division courses: [POLI 10 or 10D](#), [POLI 12 or 12D](#), [POLI 13\(R\)* or 13D\(R\)*](#).
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, [120J](#), [120Q](#), [122](#), [122D](#), [123](#), [124](#), [124A](#), [125](#), [125A](#), [125D](#), [125E](#), [126](#), [126AA](#), [127](#), [128](#), [129](#), 130, [131](#), 134, [135](#), 135D, [136](#), [136A](#), [136C](#), [137](#), [137A](#), 138, [150A](#)
 - b. At least one (1) course from any **two (2)** of the following Regional areas:
Africa: [120M](#), [120N](#), [120P](#), [120Q](#)
Asia: [121](#), [121B](#), [130B](#), [130G](#), [131C\(R\)**](#), 132(R)**, 133, [133A](#), [133D](#), [133G](#), [133J](#)
Europe: [120A](#), [120B](#), [120C](#), [120D](#), [120E](#), 120F, [120G](#), [120H](#), [120I](#), [120J](#), 120K, [126AB](#), [130AA](#), [130AD** or 130AR**](#)
Latin America: [134AA](#), [134B](#), [134D](#), [134I](#), [134J](#), 139
 - 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.

*If POLI 13(R) or POLI 13D(R) are taken, then only one of the following can be taken for credit toward the major: POLI 13, POLI 13R, POLI 13D, or POLI 13DR.

*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.

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OSD Accommodations

Study Abroad for Political Science

Internship Opportunities

Research Opportunities

Law and Politics

Senior Honors Program & Pi Sigma Alpha

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 askpolisci@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 provide you with general academic support, assist you with questions that you may have regarding college general education requirements, university requirements, IGETC and TAG, writing courses, graduation, and policy questions.

Who Should You See?

[Navigating Academic Advising and Records at UC San Diego \(ERC Resource\)](#)

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 are fillable 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 partaking 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 - Four Years \(Blank, UCSD\)](#)

Incoming Freshmen and Transfer students should review the general academic plans at plans.ucsd.edu

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**
- ❑ 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?

Academic History

This is Not an Official Transcript
Recommended browsers for this application are Firefox and Internet Explorer.

General Information

Student:
PID:
Student Level:
College:
Major: Political Science
Intended Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Academic History

Sort By Term: ascending view | descending view Sort By Subject

UCSD Degrees Awarded

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

Transfer Credit

Entity Name	Dates	Credit
Advanced Placement Credit	05/10 - 05/11	16.00
San Francisco State University	09/12 - 05/14	90.00

CAUTION: Transfer Course Disclaimer
Substitution of Transfer Courses for UCSD requirements may be subject to additional checks or approvals. Colleges and Departments require additional approvals. Please see your College or Department for clarification. Please note: Transfer courses will display approximately 8 weeks after they are received on campus.

Transfer Courses

Subject	Course	Course Title	Units	Grade	Term	Level	UCSD Approx
AFST	201	Transferred From Kemet Afrocentricity And The D San Francisco State University	4.50	<input type="text"/>	SP13	LD	
AFST	221	African American Music : A 20t San Francisco State University	4.50	<input type="text"/>	SP14	LD	
ANTH	120	Introductory Social And Cultur	4.50	<input type="text"/>	SP14	LD	

DEGREE AUDIT

- ❑ 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.

(PS30) POLITICAL SCIENCE - BA
PUBLIC LAW

Lower Division Requirements

ERND/WIP:3 requirements

1) Intro to Poli Sci

SP18POLI 104.50TA

2) Political Science

SP18POLI 124.50TA
FA18POLI 13D4.00A

3) Political Inquiry

FA19POLI 30D4.00WIP

Upper Division Major GPA
(UC trfr not calculated in audit GPA)

20.00 UC Graded Units72.00 POINTS3.600 GPA
NEEDS:1 REQUIREMENT2.000 GPA

Upper Division Requirements

ERND/WIP: 32.00 Units0 requirements
NEEDS: 16.00 Units2 requirements

1) Required UD

FA18POLI100B4.00A
FA18POLI104A4.00A-
WI19POLI104B4.00B+
FA19POLI104F4.00WIP

NEEDS:1 Course
COURSES:POLI 100A, 100M, 102D, 102L, 104C, 104D, 104E, 104G, 104I, 104J, 104K, 104L, 104M, 104N, 104P

2) Electives

FA19POLI122D4.00WIP
WI19POLI130AD4.00B+
FA19POLI142J4.00WIP
SP19POLI1944.00A-

NEEDS:3 Courses
COURSES:POLI 100 TO 197, 194, 194RA, 195, 198RA, 199 LAWS 101

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- ❑ Course Offerings for 2024-2025 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

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Political Science Courses

Political Science Courses

The Department continuously works to offer courses aligned with students' interest; as such, we cannot guarantee all Political Science courses will be offered every quarter or every academic year. Students are recommended to check the Political Science Tentative Course Offerings below to plan courses accordingly.

Political Science Tentative Course Offerings for 2023-2024

The Department offers a **tentative** course offerings list for the academic year, which is updated frequently as courses are added or moved around. Check back frequently for any course updates. Information on our courses, including course descriptions, can be found in the corresponding pages linked below.

For information about Political Science courses planned for Summer Session, students must check the [Summer Session website](#).

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for 2023-2024

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

Last updated on July 31, 2023

The Fall 2023 schedule is currently live in the

Schedule of Classes

WINTER 2024

5D	Data Analytics for the Social Sciences	TBA
10D	Introduction to American Politics	Hill, Seth
11D	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Strom, Kaare
30D	Political Inquiry	Mignozzetti, Umberto
100I	Participation and Inequality	Gause, LaGina
104B	Civil Liberties-Fundamental Rights	Smith, Glenn
104J	Introduction/Legal Reasoning	Nichter, Maysa
113BR	Chin/Japanese Political Thought I	Hoston, Germaine
114BR	Marxist Political Thought	Hoston, Germaine
120G	British Politics	Strom, Kaare
127	Politics of Development	Feeley, Maureen
125B	Politics of Food/Global Economy	Naoi, Megumi
126AB	Politics&Econ/Cntrl/East Europe	Fisk, David
135D	Comparative Politics/Race & Ethnicity	Ferree, Karen

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES – BY SUBJECT

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

Schedule of Classes

Select search term : Fall Quarter 2023

Find Courses :

if you select the list you may use your keyboard to jump to a subject code

select one or more subjects

AIP - Academic Internship Program

AAS - African American Studies

AWP - Analytical Writing Program

ANES - Anesthesiology

ANBI - Anthro/Biological Anthropology

ANAR - Anthropological Archaeology

ANTH - Anthropology

ANSC - Anthropology/Sociocultural

AESE - ArchitectureBsdEntrpSysmsEngr

AUD - Audiology

BENG - Bioengineering

BNFO - Bioinformatics

BIEB - Biol/Ecology, Behavior, & Evol

BICD - Biol/Genetics, Cellular&Develop

BIPN - Biology/Animal Physiol&Neurosc

BIBC - Biology/Biochemistry

BGGN - Biology/Grad/General

BGJC - Biology/Grad/Journal Club

BGRD - Biology/Grad/Research Discussn

only show me courses which match any of the following criteria

lower division: ☒ 1-99 ☐ 87&90s ☐ 99s

upper division: ☒ 100-198 ☐ 195s ☐ 199s

graduate: ☐ 200-297 ☐ 298s ☐ 299s

☐ 300+ ☐ 400+ ☐ 500+

(optional) the course meets primarily on

☒ Mon ☒ Tue ☒ Wed ☒ Thurs ☒ Fri ☒ Sat

Start Time: 12:00 AM End Time: 12:00 AM

☐ only show sections with seats available

☐ show the results in a popup window

The schedule of classes, including information contained within it, is subject to change. Information is updated nightly.

FALL 2024 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).
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- ❑ The estimated date for all (or most) on-time transcript evaluation to be completed by Admissions around mid-August
 - ❑ **First-Years enroll starting the week of August 12th (First Pass in a 2-Pass System)**

First day of classes is **September 23rd**.

Know your deadlines! Enrollment calendar:

<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.

WAITLISTS AND ENROLLMENTS (CONT.)

All students now have a 2 Pass Enrollment system

- **First pass begins for first-years on August 15th-17th**
 - 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 August 20th**
 - 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

COURSES AND CONNECTIONS

Exciting and Relevant Courses

- ❑ Courses that range from “Insurgency and Terrorism” to “The Voting Rights Act: 50 Years Later,” to “International Politics and Drugs” to “Bending the Curve: Climate Change” to “Democracy and its Critics.”
- ❑ The Department also brings in practitioners who channel their real-world experiences into courses like “How to Win or Lose an Election” and “Science, Technology, and the Law.”

Undergraduate Professional Development Workshops (starting in Winter 2025)

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

ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM (on hiatus until WI25)

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 ladder-rank department faculty
- ☐ Elective credit can be earned for the completion of two POLI 199s with 4 units each



Cutting Edge Research - Faculty

Tom Wong

His research focuses on the politics of immigration, citizenship, and migrant "illegality." As these issues have far-reaching implications, his work also explores the links between immigration, race and ethnicity, and the politics of identity. Last year he served as an advisor to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)

Molly Roberts

Her research interests lie in the intersection of political methodology and the politics of information, with a specific focus on methods of automated content analysis and the politics of censorship in China

Thad Kousser

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

Marisa Abrajano

Her research is in the field of American politics, particularly in the areas of campaigns, mass electoral behavior, and race/ethnic politics.

<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

LOCAL INTERNSHIP RESEARCH PROGRAM

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

UCDC & UC CENTER SACRAMENTO

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.

study abroad in

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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: uc.eap.ucop.edu

CHINA

Subject: International Studies/Politics

Location: Fudan University

Terms: Spring

Info: uc.eap.ucop.edu

AUSTRALIA

Subject: Political & Social Inquiry

Location: University of Melbourne

Terms: Fall, Spring, Year

Info: studiesabroad.com

AND MANY MORE...

Study abroad to earn a GLOBAL CONCENTRATION on your transcript!

1. Study abroad
2. Learn a foreign language
3. Take UCSD Global Content courses

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

GET MAJOR CREDIT

61%

Social Science majors who DID NOT STUDY ABROAD

4-year graduation rate

97%

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

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

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/college advisors to see if those 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

Tip: When you return from abroad, bring back all your academic work (syllabi, tests, homework, etc.) to submit with your petition. Study abroad courses are not automatically counted towards major/college requirements. Be sure to meet with your major/college advisors about your course selection before going abroad.

WHY GO ABROAD?

RESUME

- Study abroad can help YOU compete in a global workforce!
- Gain: International experience, Independence, Responsibility, Self-confidence, Problem solving, Language & Cross-cultural skills

WHEN YOU RETURN

CAREER

Work with the Career Center to update your resume and learn how to discuss your global experience in an interview

FINANCIAL AID

- Use your financial aid abroad!
- Our advisors can help you find programs that work with your aid
- We have many different programs with varying costs

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

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 & 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
- ❑ 10+ Pre-Law, seminar-style classes
- ❑ Internship page updated frequently



RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- ❑ **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

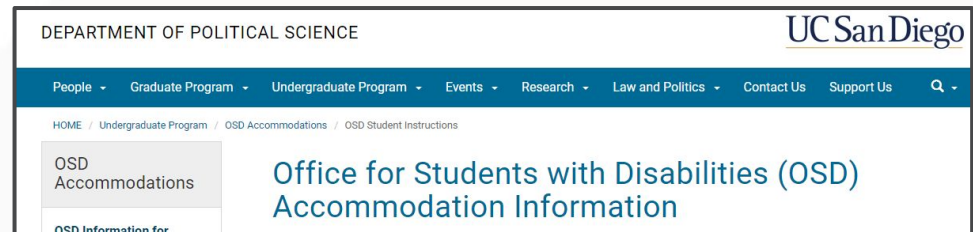
- ❑ Mock Trial
- ❑ Model UN
- ❑ **Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society**
 - ❑ **Eligibility:**
 - ❑ Completed at least seven (7) political science courses, including at least three (3) upper division courses
 - ❑ Maintained no less than a 3.60 GPA in all political science courses
- ❑ **Prospect Journal of International Affairs at UCSD**

Go to: <https://getinvolved.ucsd.edu/orgs/list.html>
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.



Students seeking accommodations must visit and register quarterly with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) on campus. Only students who have been issued an Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) by the OSD are eligible for accommodation. Only then can the Political Science OSD Liaison work directly with the student to facilitate all exam accommodations. If you have questions, please come in for walk-in advising or send a message via the **Virtual Advising Center** <http://vac.ucsd.edu> and select "Political Science" as the recipient of the inquiry. We do not answer advising questions via email or telephone. No exceptions.

Students must follow the steps below:

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- ▶ Step 1: Request Accommodations with OSD
- ▶ Step 2: Present AFA Letter to Instructor and Political Science Liaison
- ▶ Step 3: Schedule Exams with Political Science Liaison as Early as Possible
- ▶ Step 4: Exam Administration

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.

TRANSITIONING TO UCSD

❑ **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

<https://polisci.ucsd.edu/undergrad/office-hours-advising>

MULTI-TIERED ADVISEMENT (cont.)

Drop-in Advising

Current Advising Availability

In-Person advising resumes Fall 2025

**Monday & Tuesday:
1:30 - 3:30 pm SSB 301**

**Wednesday:
9:30 - 11:30 virtually**

Appointments should be requested via a VAC contact

Undergraduate Program

Office Hours (Staff, Faculty, and TAs)

Academic Advising Information

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Political Science Student Association & Events

Scholarship, Grant, and Fellowship Opportunities

Alumni Mentor Program

Supplementary Instructional Resources

Undergraduate Awards

Please see Drop-in Advising hours below.

Political Science Advising

Office Hours

by:
VAC questions will be answered within 1-3 business days. For urgent advising hours.

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d to 15 minutes with an advisor.

Summer 2024 Advising will be conducted remotely

Mondays & Tuesdays: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Wednesdays : 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Please join virtual drop-in advising sessions using this link: <https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/96908672740>

Please submit any questions and inquiries through the [Virtual Advising Center](#).



See you in September!