

Sample Political Science Major - Study Abroad Plans

Please keep the following in mind:

- Plans are organized by **Four Year**, **Three Year**, and **Two Year** plans upon entry to UCSD.
 - These **do not** comprise all of the possible combinations of study abroad options for students, but simply serve as a visual aid to see what may be feasible depending on the student.
- The examples in this document **do not** include College and University Requirements, or any courses one would take if they had a minor or double major. Please contact appropriate Departments and College directly for accurate advising on this matter.
- Review the **Frequently Asked Questions** and their corresponding answers below.
- If a student transferred in more than three courses when entering UCSD (e.g. took both lower division and upper division Political Science courses at another four-year institution), their plan will be different. Please meet with your Major Advisor for further information.
- **Above all else - contact advising to get recommendations, specific plans, and academic advising pertaining to your circumstance.**

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How many courses can be transferred into the Political Science majors and minor?**
 - Political Science majors may transfer in **up to six courses from outside UCSD** to the major. Students with a Political Science minor may transfer in **up to two courses from outside UCSD** to the minor.
- 2. What type of courses can be transferred in?**
 - Transfer courses include those from EAP/OAP courses, community college courses, courses taken at other 4-year universities, and AP courses.
- 3. How do I know which courses qualify?**
 - In order for study abroad courses to be allowable for the major or minor, they must be Political Science courses, and transfer to UCSD as upper-division, with 4+ quarter units each, and with a letter grade of C- or better.
- 4. How do I choose which courses to take when abroad?**

The courses a student takes can be dependent on many factors, and it's best to speak to your advisor(s) on which courses may make more sense for you to take during the time period(s) you plan to study abroad. Consider the following:

 - **Course Needs**
 - a. Fulfill one's major requirements, minor requirements, College requirements, University requirements, elective units to reach the 180 unit minimum for graduation from UC San Diego, or a combination.
 - **Program Structure**
 - a. Some programs have a specific number and selection of courses a student must take.
 - b. Some programs allow students the freedom to choose their courses as if they were a student at that institution.
 - **Timeframe of Study Abroad**
 - a. Similar to UC San Diego, some courses abroad are only offered at the institution during certain quarters or semesters.
 - **Personal and/or Career Interests**
 - a. Think about what you enjoy studying or may want to learn more about before entering the world of work. There may be courses offered abroad that are not available at UC San Diego.

Four Year Plans

Four Year Plan - No Transferred Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	LD POLI	POLI 30D	
Year 2	LD POLI	UD POLI	UD POLI	
Year 3	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	
Year 4	UD POLI	UD POLI	UD POLI	

Four Year Plan - Transferred 1 LD Course

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	LD POLI	POLI 30D	
Year 2	UD POLI	UD POLI	UD POLI	
Year 3	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses for WI/SP	Continue Study Abroad!	
Year 4	UD POLI	UD POLI	UD POLI	

Four Year Plan - Transferred 2 LD Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	POLI 30D		Study Abroad! Take one approved UD POLI course
Year 2	UD POLI	UD POLI	UD POLI	
Year 3	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	
Year 4	UD POLI			

Three Year Plans

Three Year Plan - No LD Courses Transferred

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	LD POLI	POLI 30D	Study Abroad! Take one approved UD POLI course
Year 2	LD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	
Year 3	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI	

Three Year Plan - Transferred 1 LD Course

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	LD POLI	POLI 30D	
Year 2	Study Abroad! Take six approved UD POLI courses for the academic year	Continue Study Abroad!	Continue Study Abroad!	
Year 3	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	

Three Year Plan - Transferred 2 LD Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI	POLI 30D	UD POLI	Study Abroad! Take one approved UD POLI course
Year 2	UD POLI UD POLI	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses for WI/SP	Continue Study Abroad!	
Year 3	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI	

Two Year Plans

Two Year Plan - No LD Courses Transferred

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI LD POLI	LD POLI POLI 30(D) UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	Study Abroad! Take two approved UD POLI courses
Year 2	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	

Two Year Plan - Transferred 1 LD Course

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI LD POLI	UD POLI POLI 30(D)	Study Abroad! Take two approved UD POLI courses	
Year 2	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	

Two Year Plan - Transferred 2 LD Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	LD POLI POLI 30(D)	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	
Year 2	UD POLI UD POLI UD POLI	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses for WI/SP	Continue Study Abroad!	

Two Year Plan - Transferred 3 LD Courses

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Year 1	POLI 30(D) UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	
Year 2	Study Abroad! Take three approved UD POLI courses	UD POLI UD POLI	UD POLI UD POLI	