

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bachelors of Arts

**Are you curious about what drives Political decisions and how governments work?** This major looks at how governments function, how historic decisions are made, and what happens next. You'll learn to think critically about current events, understand political systems, behaviors, and understand the impact of power.

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Academics	Begin taking your <a href="#">Preparatory Subject Matter</a> . Attend <a href="#">Major Advising</a> to discuss major requirements and course planning. Meet with <a href="#">College Of Letters and Science</a> to discuss university and College requirements, including GE's.	Complete remaining lower-division courses; start upper-division major courses. Attend <a href="#">Major Advising</a> to discuss major requirements and course planning. Connect with <a href="#">faculty</a> during their office hours to network and learn about opportunities.	Continue taking upper-division coursework for the major, using the degree worksheets in OASIS for reference. Meet with <a href="#">Major Advisor</a> to discuss major progress and academic planning. If interested in pursuing an additional major, or minor, meet with those department's advisors.	Meet with <a href="#">Major Advisor</a> to ensure that your major requirements will be fulfilled. Meet with <a href="#">College of Letters and Science Advisors</a> to get a degree check on your university and College requirements. Apply for <a href="#">Graduation</a> and register for <a href="#">Commencement</a> .
The Aggie Experience	Attend the <a href="#">Involvement Fair</a> to see a showcase of student organizations and clubs. Explore <a href="#">clubs and communities</a> online; you can also use the <a href="#">Aggie Life</a> to do a search. Attend <a href="#">First-Year Aggie Connections</a> to build community.	Continue exploring <a href="#">clubs and organizations</a> on campus to find your community. Check out the <a href="#">Center for Student Involvement</a> . Meet with a PPS Peer Advisor or an <a href="#">Involvement Mentor</a> to learn more ways to get involved on campus.	Pursue leadership opportunities within the clubs and organizations you've been involved in. Explore participating in <a href="#">Political Science Honor's Societies</a> . Check out the <a href="#">Community Resource and Rentention Center</a> .	Build on leadership experience in your clubs and organizations. Connect with organization alumni. Research local professional organizations and consider joining or attending meetings/events.
Career & Self Development	Meet with a <a href="#">Career Center Advisor</a> to begin the process of career exploration. Read the department's weekly email newsletter for internship opportunities. Attend the Political Science's "First-Gen & Beyond Student Success Series Workshops."	Prepare for <a href="#">Career Fair</a> and meet with <a href="#">Career Center Advsior</a> to discuss resources & learn how to create a <a href="#">resume</a> . Start exploring Political Science related internships, such as the <a href="#">UC Center Sacramento Program (UCCS)</a> and <a href="#">Washington Program (UCDC)</a> .	Explore <a href="#">Undergraduate Research Center</a> for research opportunities. Start applying for the <a href="#">UCCS or UCDC Program</a> . Consider applying to the <a href="#">Political Science Honors Thesis Seminar</a> . Attend the <a href="#">Undergraduate Research Scholarship and Creative Activities Conference in the Spring</a> .	Apply for the <a href="#">Political Science Honors Thesis</a> . Visit <a href="#">Pre-Graduate &amp; Pre-Law Advising</a> for support with exploring, preparing for, and applying to graduate, professional, and credential programs and Law School. Connect with faculty for letters of recommendation.
Intercultural & Global Engagement	Explore the programs at the <a href="#">Global Learning Hub</a> . Check out the Global Learning Hub's <a href="#">First-Year Opportunities</a> . Meet with a <a href="#">Global Learning Advisor</a> to get support exploring, and applying to programs.	Attend the <a href="#">Global Learning Fair</a> . Consider applying to study abroad programs ( <a href="#">Global Learning Hub</a> or <a href="#">UCEAP</a> ). Discuss how study abroad programs could count towards major requirements abroad with your <a href="#">Major Advisor</a> .	Pursue study abroad program! Submit course equivalencies if looking for major credit for abroad courses, meet with your <a href="#">Major Advisor</a> to discuss the process. Refine your <a href="#">Global Skills and Leadership</a> with programs such as <a href="#">Global Impact Fellows</a> .	Attend the <a href="#">Global Learning Conference</a> to learn how to articulate your global skills into transferable skills and career competence. Explore the <a href="#">Global Grad &amp; Postdoc Career Skills Series and Certificate</a> .

## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Public Speaking
- Problem-Solving
- Data Analysis
- Analytical Reasoning
- Persuasion
- Ethical Reasoning
- Systems Thinking
- Global Awareness
- Project Management
- Research
- AI Literacy

## WHAT'S NEXT

### CAREERS

- Lawyer
- Paralegal
- Policy Analyst
- Legislative Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist
- Government Relations Specialist
- Political Consultant
- Research Analyst
- Professor or Educator

### GRADUATE STUDIES

Political Science, Global Affairs, Public Policy, Public Administration, International Relations, Law & Legal Studies, Social Work, Education, Data Science, Urban Planning, Business Administration

