So, what can I do with a Political Science Major?

Advocate/Organizer
Attorney
Archivist
Banking, Political Risk Manager
Budget Analyst
Campaign Worker
CIA Agent
City Planner/Manager
Civilian Consultant, Department of Defense
Congressional Research Service
Consultant
Corporate Legislative Issues Manager
Corp. Manager,
Environmental/R
Regulatory Affairs
Corporate Social Policy
County Council Member
County Economic Development Officer
Diplomat
Editor
Education Policy Analyst
Educator/Teacher
Environmental Policy Analyst
FBI Agent
Financial Services
Foreign Affairs Specialist
Foundation Employee
Grassroots Organizer
Human Rights Officer
Import Export Manager
Info. Technology Officer
Intelligence Specialist
Int'l Business Analyst
Interest Group Manager
Journalist
Juvenile Justice Specialist
Labor Union Official
Lobbyist
Media Specialist
Mediator
Non-profit/Non-gov't org./Interest Group Manager or Employee
Paralegal
Peace Corps
Policy Analyst/Development/Researcher
Political Action Committee
Political Correspondent
Politician
Pollster
Professor
Public Affairs Specialist
Public Interest/Consumer Advocate
Social Security Admin.
Social Services Advocate
State Governor's Office Staff Member
Urban Policy Planner
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Women's Policy Analyst

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## About us

Welcome to the Political Science Department at San Diego State University. The department was founded in 1948 and the graduate Masters program was added in 1954. We currently have 20 full-time faculty, 11 associated lecturers, more than 500 undergraduate majors, and approximately 60 graduate students. The department offers undergraduate courses in the four main subfields of the discipline — American Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, and International Relations. The department also offers a Basic Certificate in Public Law. The graduate program offers the choice between an M.A. in general Political Science, Comparative/International Relations specialization, or Public Policy specialization.

## Preparation for the Major

Students interested in entering the major must fulfill the following pre-requisites:
- Cumulative GPA of 2.4 or higher.
- Complete a minimum of 30 semester units.
- Complete POL S pre-requisite courses with a C or better.

### Pre-requisites for the Major & Minor — 9-12 units

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<td>✓ POL S 102 Intro to Am. &amp; Calif. Gov’t Politics</td>
<td>✓ POL S 201 Elem. Stat for Poli Sci or equivalent</td>
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### Major Requirements — 27 additional units

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