Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honors society with 621 chapters throughout the country. San Diego State’s chapter, Gamma Upsilon, was initially formed in 1959. It is a student-run organization that accepts applications to the honor society and organizes various activities throughout the academic year.

Admissions Criteria for Membership:

Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha is open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students currently enrolled in programs of political science in institutions where chapters are located.

Undergraduates must meet the following criteria: They must be at least juniors who have completed at least ten semester-credits (or 15 quarter-credits if their institution is on the quarter system) of work in political science including at least one upper-division course, with an average grade of B or higher in those courses. They must have achieved an overall GPA placing them in the top one-third of their whole class (i.e., junior or senior class, this is approximately 3.0). They need NOT be political science majors to qualify for membership.

Graduate students must have completed 9 graduate credits in political science with no grade lower than a B. Undergraduate coursework does not count towards graduate student eligibility, and graduate students must be pursuing a degree in political science to qualify for membership.

To apply, please submit

- the membership application form
- a degree evaluation or unofficial transcript

Submit application to Professor Twist, Faculty Adviser, Nasatir Hall 111 or to the Political Science Department office. Application forms can be downloaded from the Political Science department website. For further information, please contact Professor Twist at kim.twist@sdsu.edu.