Department of Political Science
College of Arts and Letters

Are you interested in politics?
Here are some things you can do with a Political Science Major:

- Advocate/Organizer
- Attorney
- Campaign Worker
- City Planner/Manager
- Civilian Consultant, Department of Defense
- Congressional Research Service Consultant
- Consumer Advocate
- Corporate Legislative Issues Manager
- Corp. Manager, Environmental affairs
- County Council Member
- County Economic Development Office
- Diplomat
- FBI Agent
- Financial Services
- Foreign Affairs Specialist
- Grassroots Organizer
- Human Rights Officer
- Intelligence Specialist
- Intl’ Business Analyst
- Journalist
- Juvenile Justice Specialist
- Labor Union Official
- Lobbyist
- Media Specialist
- Mediator
- Non-profit Group Manager
- Paralegal
- Pollster
- Peace Corps
- Policy Analyst
- Political Correspondent
- Politician
- Professor
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Social Security Admin
- Social Services Advocate
- State Governor’s Office Member
- Urban Policy Planner
- White House Advisor
- Women’s Policy Analyst
- and much more...

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Certificate in Human Rights
The Certificate in Human Rights is an interdisciplinary program that provides you with an understanding of the complex challenges of advancing human rights in a range of evolving social and regional contexts. The program offers you specialized knowledge through a range of courses that examine multiple dimensions of human rights issues and analyze the impact of different practices, policies, and structural conditions.

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Certificate in Public Law
The Certificate in Public Law offers courses in the College of Arts and Letters with law content. The program offers students specialized knowledge through multiple perspectives on the use of law to regulate social problems, and examines how law governs relations between the government and its people. Students will strengthen critical thinking skills and learn to form and defend arguments.

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Political Science approaches the study of politics in the United States and around the world, by engaging central issues facing society today, such as rising inequality, human rights, democratization, and environmental challenges.

The Political Science Department at SDSU was founded in 1948 and the Graduate Masters Program was added in 1954. It offers undergraduate courses in the four main subfields of the discipline - American Politics, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, and Global/International Politics.

The Major

The Political Science major is designed to maximize your flexibility so that you can pursue a unique course of study that focuses on your interests. Preparation for the political science undergraduate major requires you to complete four courses which introduce you to political concepts and provide training in analytical and critical thinking. You need a grade of C or better in these four courses and to have an overall GPA of 2.4 or higher in order to move from the premajor to the major.

The Graduate Program

The department offers a Master of Arts degree in Political Science. The two-year program is academically rigorous, offering a variety of courses that provide a strong foundation in global politics, comparative and regional politics, theory, and research design. Our seminar courses cover subjects such as critical race theory, imperialism, religion and politics, right-wing movements, gender and politics, immigration and border politics, international law, revolutions, and American democracy.

The Major & Minor

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 and Minor

9 to 12 Units (Requirement: Grade C or Better)

- POLS 101 Intro to Am. Pol Global Perspective
- POLS 102 Intro to Am. & Calif. Gov’t Politics
- POLS 103 Intro to Comparative Politics or POLS 104 Intro to Global Politics
- POLS 201 Elem. Stat for Poli Sci or Equivalent (not req. for Minor)

Major Requirements - 30 additional units

- At least 1 course (3 units each) from Each of the Following fields of Emphasis:
  - Political theory
  - American Politics
  - Comparative Politics
  - International Politics

- Five Additional Courses (3 units each) in Any Field
- One Capstone (3 units) Choose one of the following:
  - Senior Thesis (3 or 6 units)
  - Internship Course
  - Any 500-level POL S course

Minor Requirements - 12 additional Units

- At least 3 courses (9 Units) from one of the following fields of emphasis:
  - Political Theory
  - American Politics
  - Comparative and Int’l Politics

- One additional course (3 units) in Any field.