

## Certificate In Public Law

To earn our Certificate in Public Law, you'll complete 15 units in courses with public law content in the College of Arts and Letters. As you engage with various perspectives on the use of law to regulate social problems, you'll strengthen your skills in critical thinking and legal advocacy.

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## Certificate in Human Rights

To earn our Certificate in Human Rights, you'll complete 15 units in courses with human rights content in the College of Arts and Letters. As you study a range of human rights cases and issues, you'll strengthen your analytical and critical thinking skills.

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## *Here are some of the positions our Political Science graduates have held after graduation:*

Advocate for reproductive health policies	Officer in the U.S. Air Force
Aide for members of Congress	Peace Corps volunteer
Assistant dean at a law school	PETA animal rights campaigner
California State Assembly Speaker staffer	Political party staffer in Washington, D.C.
City councilmember in San Diego County	Refugee resettlement worker
Communications director	Researcher at the Council on Foreign Relations
Fellow, California State Assembly	San Diego mayoral staffer
Founder of an international non-profit	Staff member at the CA Environmental Protection Agency
Fulbright Scholars in Latin America and East Asia	Tenure-track professor at a research university
High school history teacher	Trial lawyer
Immigration attorney	White House staffer
Law clerk for state and federal judges	World Bank staffer

*We'd love to help you find your path after graduation, too!*



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College of Arts and Letters

# Political Science Department



**SDSU** | College of Arts and Letters  
Political Science

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

The Political Science Department at SDSU was founded in 1948 and the graduate M.A. program was added in 1954. We offer undergraduate courses in American politics, comparative politics, international politics, political theory, and public law and public policy.

**The Major**

Our Political Science major is designed to allow you to pursue a flexible course of study focused on your interests. Preparation for the major involves completing four courses that introduce you to political concepts and help you build your skills in analytical and critical thinking.

**The Graduate Program**

Our department offers a Master of Arts degree: This two-year program is academically rigorous and offers a variety of courses that provides a strong foundation in research design, U.S. politics, global politics, comparative and regional politics, and political theory. Our seminar courses cover topics such as religion and politics, international law, immigration and border politics, gender and politics, imperialism, and American democracy.



**The Major & Minor**

**Preparation for the Major**

You'll move from premajor to major after you do the following:

Complete four prerequisite courses with a letter grade of C or higher:

- POL S 101: Intro to American Politics in Global Perspective
- POL S 102: Intro to American and California Government and Politics
- Either POL S 103: Intro to Comparative Politics or POL S 104: Intro to Global Politics
- POL S 201 Statistics and Politics

Complete at least 30 units

Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.4

**Preparation for the minor**

You'll complete three prerequisite courses with a letter grade of C or higher:

- POL S 101: Intro to American Politics in Global Perspective
- POL S 102: Intro to American and California Government and Politics
- Either POL S 103: Intro to Comparative Politics or POL S 104: Intro to Global Politics

**Major Requirements - 30 units**

You'll complete 30 upper-division units, selecting courses from:

One 3-unit course in each of the following five fields:

- Political theory
- American politics
- Comparative politics
- International politics
- Law and public policy

Four additional courses (12 units) in any of these fields

One 3-unit capstone course: a senior thesis, a 500-level capstone seminar, or an internship course

**Minor Requirements - 12 Units**

You'll complete 12 upper-division units, selecting courses from:

Three 3-unit courses in one of the following fields:

- Political theory
- American politics
- Comparative and international politics

One additional course (3 units) in any of these fields

