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
- membership dues of $45 ($35 national initiation fee, $10 local chapter fee) Please make checks out to Associated Students-Gamma Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha

Submit application to Professor Kennedy, Faculty Adviser, Nasatir Hall 104 or to the Political Science Department office. Application forms can be downloaded from the Political Science department website. For further information, please contact Professor Kennedy at ckenndey@sdsu.edu
Pi Sigma Alpha
The National Political Science Honor Society

Gamma Upsilon Chapter
San Diego State University
Application for Membership*

PLEASE TYPE YOUR APPLICATION OR WRITE LEGIBLY, ESPECIALLY CONTACT INFORMATION PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION TO FACULTY ADVISOR, CAROLE KENNEDY, NH-104

Date___________
Name___________________________________________________________________
(As you would like it to appear on certificate)
Red I.D. Number:_________________
Address:__________________________________________________________________________
(Number & Street)
__________________________________________________________________________________
(City)               (State)              (Zip)
Phone____________________________________
Email:____________________________________
Class Year:   Freshman______    Sophomore______    Junior______   Senior_______   Graduate_______
Overall GPA:     ______
SDSU GPA:    ______
Major GPA:        ______
Number of upper-division political science units completed: ________ (must have at least 3 to be eligible)
Expected Graduation Date:_______________________________________________

Dues: Membership dues are $45, which includes a national initiation fee of $35 and a $10 fee for the local chapter. Cash, check or money orders should be made payable to Associated Students-Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha.

Membership is open to all qualified students regardless of major status.
I certify the above information to be correct. (Subject to verification.)

Signature_______________________________________

*Please remember to submit your application with a current degree audit or unofficial transcript for speedy processing.