

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The University

The 670-acre site of California State University Channel Islands is located minutes from the Pacific Ocean, where the Oxnard Plain meets the Santa Monica Mountains. The main entrance to the campus winds through agricultural fields, orchards, coastal scrub, and crag-topped foothills with spectacular rock formations. Equally dramatic is the campus architecture. The sprawling 1930's Spanish revival buildings, cloistered hallways, Bell Tower, tiled fountains, open space, and many courtyards house our 21st century university.

The academic programs offered at CSU Channel Islands form a challenging and unique curriculum. Exceptional faculty are active in research, current in their disciplines, and dedicated to students. Top-notch teaching, integrated curricula, and up-to-date technology all add up to an excellent educational experience. As part of the CSU system, CSU Channel Islands has access to resources of the largest higher educational system in the nation.

University Mission Statement

Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.

Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Minor in Political Science

Political Science is the study of government, public policies, and political behavior. The major in Political Science provides students with a broad program of study designed to promote effective civic participation as a citizen, public servant, or elected official. The curriculum requires students to complete course work in all four areas of the CSUCI mission: interdisciplinary, experiential and service learning, international and multicultural studies.

The major develops skills in critical analysis and oral and written communication. It promotes an understanding of contemporary political systems and institutions, emphasizes competency in the basic tools of political science, and focuses on the relationship between Political Science and the other disciplines. The program encourages students to become competent in a second language and recommends international study for political science students interested in international affairs.

Faculty

Scott Frisch, Ph.D., Advisor

Associate Professor of Political Science

Andrea Grove, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Political Science

Careers

The Political Science major prepares students for careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; education; electoral politics, research and advocacy. In addition, the major in Political Science prepares students for graduate and professional study in the field of Political Science as well as international relations, law, and public administration.

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Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science (120 Units)

(This degree is planned for fall 2006 implementation and subject to CSU Chancellor's Office approval.)

Lower Division Requirements (9 Units)

- POLS 102 Comparative Government (3)
POLS 103 Introduction to International Politics (3)
POLS 150 American Political Institutions (3)

Upper Division Requirements (15 Units)

- POLS 300 Research Methods in Political Science (3)
POLS 301 Political Theory (3)
POLS 303 Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences
POLS 306 The Politics of Race and Ethnicity (3)
POLS 499 Capstone (3)

Major Electives (15 Units) Examples:

- ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3)
POLS 140 California Government and Politics (1)
POLS 305 Gender and Politics (3)
POLS 320 Public Administration (3)
POLS 328 American Foreign Policy (3)
POLS 330 Political Sociology (3)
POLS 335 Politics and Film (3)
POLS 345 Science and Public Policy (3)
POLS 493 Internship in Political Science (3)

General Education (48 Units)

Free Electives (30 Units)

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