



Political Science

Programs Offered

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

Political Science is the study of government, public policies and political behavior. Political Science uses both humanistic and scientific perspectives and skills to examine all countries and regions of the world. The Political Science Program is based on the educational objectives emphasized in the California State University Channel Island's mission. All students graduating with a degree in Political Science will have taken course work and developed competencies in all four key areas of the university mission: interdisciplinary and integrative learning; multicultural perspectives; international perspectives and civic engagement through service learning or experiential learning. Unlike traditional political science majors, all students will be required to complete a course on racial politics in the United States. This is not only consistent with our mission, but it reflects the ethnic and racial reality of California in the 21st century. The curriculum will have a strong international component as well, as all graduates will take international politics, and comparative government, and many of the elective courses emphasize international perspectives. All students graduating from CI must complete nine units of upper division interdisciplinary course work. Finally, experiential and service learning are woven throughout the curriculum, and the required capstone course is a community based project designed to synthesize learning through analysis of an important policy issue.

Careers

The Political Science Program 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 and Public Administration.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing the requirements for a B.A. degree in Political Science will be able to:

- write clearly and with purpose on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy;
- participate as a civically engaged member of society;
- analyze political and policy problems and formulate policy options;
- use electronic and traditional library resources to research key local, state, national and international policy issues and present results;
- demonstrate competency with basic tools underlying modern social science research including competency in statistics and qualitative analysis;
- demonstrate critical thinking, including the ability to form an argument, detect fallacies, and marshal evidence, about key issues of public policy and politics;
- discuss the major theories and concepts of political science and its subfields; and
- deliver thoughtful and well articulated presentations of research findings.

Faculty

- Scott Frisch, PhD**
Professor of Political Science
- Andrea Grove, PhD**
Professor of Political Science
- Sean Q Kelly, PhD**
Professor of Political Science



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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The University

The 1,187-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 CSUCI 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, CSUCI 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.

For More Information

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Transfers

<http://www.assist.org>

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science - 120 units

Lower, Upper Division and Electives	40
General Education	48
Free Electives	29
American Institutions Requirement*	3
(chosen from the following: HIST 270, HIST 271, HIST 272, HIST 275)	
TOTAL UNITS	120

*The Government portion of the American Institutions Requirement (POLS 150) is listed in the major courses below.

Lower Division Requirements - 9 units

POLS 102	Comparative Government	3
POLS 103	Introduction to International Politics	3

POLS 150*	American Political Institutions	3
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*Partially satisfies the American Institutions Requirement. The History portion is contained in the general requirements above.

Upper Division Requirements - 16 units

POLS 300	Political Science Research Methods	3
POLS 301	Political Theory	3
POLS 303	Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (SOC/PSY)	4
POLS 306	The Politics of Race and Ethnicity	3
POLS 499	Capstone	3

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Electives - 15 units

Students should select a total of 15 units from the following list:

- ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 3
- POLS 140 California Government and Politics 1
- POLS 305 Gender and Politics 3
- POLS 312 Interest Groups and Collective Action 3
- POLS 313 The United States Congress 3
- POLS 314 The American Presidency 3
- POLS 315 Congress and the Presidency 3
- POLS 316 State & Local Politics & Policy 3
- POLS 317 Judicial Power and Process 3
- POLS 318 Campaigns and Elections 3
- POLS 319 Political Behavior and Public Opinion 3
- POLS 320 Public Administration 3
- POLS 321 Public Budgeting (FIN) 3
- POLS 325 American Public Policy 3
- POLS 326 Government and Politics of Selected Nations 3
- POLS 327 International Relations of Selected Areas 3
- POLS 328 United States Foreign Policy 3
- POLS 329 International Law and Organizations 3
- POLS 330 Political Sociology (SOC) 3
- POLS 331 Narratives of the Working Class (ENGL/ECON/HIST/SOC) 3
- POLS 334 Peace Studies 3
- POLS 335 Politics and Film (COMM) 3
- POLS 340 Politics and the Environment (ESRM) 3
- POLS 341 The National Park (ESRM) 3
- POLS 345 Science & Public Policy (BIOL) 3
- POLS 351 International Relations of Africa 3
- POLS 352 International Relations of Europe 3
- POLS 353 International Relations of Latin America 3
- POLS 354 International Relations of the Middle East 3
- POLS 355 International Relations of South Asia 3
- POLS 401 Constitutional Law 3
- POLS 402 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 3
- POLS 403 Comparative Foreign Policy 3
- POLS 404 Policy Leadership (EDUC) 3
- POLS 426 Politics of Developing Countries 3
- POLS 430 Political Communication (COMM) 3
- POLS 431 Education Policy and Politics (EDUC) 3
- POLS 490 Special Topics in Political Science 3
- POLS 492 Service Learning in Political Science 3
- POLS 493 Internship in Political Science 3
- POLS 494 Independent Research 1-3

Minor in Political Science - 18 units

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 - 9 units

Students should select a total of 9 units from the following:

- ECON 370 The World Economy 3
- ESRM 328 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 3
- ESRM 329 Environmental Law and Policy 3
- FIN 421 Public Financial Management 3
- HIST 412 Law and Society 3
- POLS 300 Political Science Research Methods 3
- POLS 301 Political Theory 3
- POLS 303 Statistical Applications in the Social Sciences (SOC/PSY) 4
- POLS 305 Gender and Politics 3
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