

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Faculty, students and staff of the Department of Political Science engage in teaching and learning – critically and systematically – about politics, public affairs, public institutions, and social science education. A major strength of SJSU’s student body is its diversity. Our students vary in their economic status, ethnic background, age, experience, and educational objectives. The department’s courses and programs respond to this diversity, offering our students knowledge and skills essential to citizenship as well as pre-professional education in preparation for a variety of careers or for graduate school. As a part of a public institution of higher education, we recognize our obligation to the community as advisors, consultants, and participants. We encourage students to become involved in public service as volunteers and interns. Scholarship informs both our teaching and public service and is an essential element of our mission. Through our research, we endeavor to advance knowledge in the discipline of political science and to disseminate that knowledge to our colleagues, students, and community.

CAREER OPTIONS FOR MAJOR

The study of political science prepares students for a variety of careers including the law, teaching, government service, legislative staffing, political consulting, interest group representation, international relations and business, nonprofit, and other organizations, as well as for graduate school. Our advisors assist students in designing a BA in Political Science to meet their individual interests, needs and goals. The department also offers a graduate program in public administration to prepare students for administrative and professional careers in public service.

ADVISORS

For office hours, please visit the department website.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO MAJOR

- Transfer or currently enrolled SJSU students

MINORS OFFERED

- Applied Research Methods
- Political Science
- Public Administration

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Master of Public Administration

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RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR DEGREE ROADMAP

For additional information please visit the department website at:

<http://www.sjsu.edu/polisci/UndergraduateStudents/Advising>

Bachelor of Arts Political Science

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	GE Area A1 Oral Communication ENGL 1A (A2) GE Area C1 Arts GE Area B4 Mathematical Concepts HIST 15 (US1, D2) or POLS15 (US2, US3, D3) 15 units	GE Area B1 Physical Science* GE Area A3 Critical Thinking & Writing HIST 15 (US1, D2) or POLS15 (US2, US3, D3) POLS2 (D2) POLS3 (C2) 15 units
Year 2	GE Area B2 Life Science* GE Area D1 Human Behavior GE Area E Human Understanding & Dev POLS 4 (D3) GE Area C1 or C2 15 units	US Govt & Politics Area Course Comparative Politics Area Course SCI075 (Braven) University Elective PE 15 units
Year 3	POLS 100W POLS 195A International Relations Area Course SJSU Studies: Area R Course PE 15 units	Political Thought Area Course SJSU Studies: Area S Course SJSU Studies: Area V Course POLS Upper-division Elective University Elective 16 units
Year 4	POLS Upper-division Elective POLS Upper-division Elective University Elective University Elective 14 units	POLS 190 University Elective University Elective University Elective 15 units

* Either B1 or B2 requires a B3 lab component

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) OFFERED

Pols 15 (US2, US3 & D3)
Pols 002 (Area D2)
Pols 003 (Area C2)
Pols 004 (Area D3)
Pols 020 (Area A3)
Pols 100W (Area Z)
Pols 120 (Area S)
Pols 150 (Area V)
Pols 170V (Area V)

