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.

**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

**Advisors**

For office hours, please visit the department website.

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# Recommended Four-Year Degree Roadmap

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## Bachelor of Arts Political Science

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| **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) | 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 | 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 | US Govt & Politics Area Course  
Comparative Politics Area Course  
SCI075 (Braven)  
University Elective PE |
| | 15 units | 15 units |
| **Year 3** | POLS 100W  
POLS 195A  
International Relations Area Course  
SJSU Studies: Area R Course  
PE | Political Thought Area Course SJSU Studies: Area S Course SJSU Studies: Area V Course POLS Upper-division Elective  
University Elective |
| | 15 units | 16 units |
| **Year 4** | POLS Upper-division Elective  
POLS Upper-division Elective  
University Elective  
University Elective | POLS 181C or 190  
University Elective  
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University Elective |
| | 14 units | 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)