

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Political Science Minor

The minor in political science consists of a minimum of 18 units in political science to include Political Science 101 and either 102 or 103; 12 of the 18 units must be in upper division courses and at least nine of these units must be selected from one of the following subject matter areas:

**American Politics (Field II)
Comparative Politics and International Politics
(Fields III and IV)**

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Courses (POL S)

Field I: Political Theory

**UPPER DIVISION COURSE
(Intended for Undergraduates)**

305. American Political Thought (3)

The origin and development of American political ideas from colonial times to the present. Meets the graduation requirement in the United States Constitution. When taken with Political Science 320, 321 or 422, will also satisfy graduation requirements in American Institutions.

Field II: American Politics

**UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)**

321. State Politics (3)

Politics and policy making at the state and local levels, relations among national, state, and local governments. Emphasis on California problems and politics. Meets the graduation requirement in California government. When taken with Political Science 305 or 320, will also satisfy graduation requirements in American Institutions.

436. The American Presidency (3)

Prerequisites: Political Science 101 and 102.

Analysis of principal institutions, functions and problems of the presidency and federal executive branch. Attention given to presidential leadership, staffing, executive-legislative relations and policy formation.

UPPER DIVISION COURSE

(Acceptable for a graduate degree only with PRIOR approval of the graduate adviser.)

531. Interest Groups and Political Movements (3)

Prerequisite: Political Science 101 or 102.

Pressure group activity, lobbies, mass movements; factors which explain origins and motivations of group behavior; votes, money, information, protest as political resources; theories of pluralism, power elite and mass society; class and ethnic politics. May include a substantial amount of material about foreign political systems.

Field III: Comparative Politics

**UPPER DIVISION COURSE
(Intended for Undergraduates)**

361. Governments and Politics of the Developing Areas (3)

Prerequisites: Political Science 101 or 103; and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Internal political systems, governmental structures and the foreign policies of developing nations.

Field IV: International Politics

**UPPER DIVISION COURSE
(Intended for Undergraduates)**

375. International Relations (3)

Dynamics of conflict and cooperation among national, international and transnational actors; contributing political, economic, and social factors.

Elective Courses

**UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)**

320. American Institutions (3) I, II

The principles of the Constitution of the United States of America, and a survey of the political and social institutions which have developed under the Constitution. Meets the graduation requirement in the United States Constitution and California state and local government. When taken with Political Science 305, 321 or 422, will also satisfy graduation requirements in American Institutions. Credit will not be allowed for both Political Science 102 and 320.

496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisites: Twelve upper division units in political science and consent of the instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

