

Mehta Sankaran

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Education

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Bachelor of Arts, **Political Science**, June 20xx

Major GPA: **3.9**

Concentration: **Global Politics**

Awards: Dean's List: 7 quarters, President's List: 2 academic years

Relevant Courses: Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy, Comparative Foreign Policy, Comparative Political Culture, Political Communication, Quantitative Methodology, Research Design, Political Violence and Conflict Resolution, Political Thought, Global Political Issues, Politics of Developing Areas: Latin America

Publications & Research Experience

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

The Perfect Storm, Senior Project

1/xx – 6/xx

- Developed an original case study methodology to investigate the causal relationship between natural disasters and terrorism.
- Utilized numerous primary and secondary sources to identify the impacts that various types of natural disasters had on 4 separate countries.

Sovereignty in Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity Case Library

9/xx – 6/xx

- Coauthored an interdisciplinary case study on a likely scenario concerning a transnational cyber-attack.
- Researched existing international and national policies to determine likely course of action to be taken.
- Identified areas of potential conflict and made policy recommendations, while simplifying complex concepts to improve general accessibility.

Path Dependency in Foreign Policy, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics

6/xx – 2/xx

- Was selected by a professor to co-author an article for an international research encyclopedia.
- Conducted a literature review on the concept of path dependency and its relation to political science.
- Analyzed causal mechanisms and developed visualizations for path dependent impacts on foreign policy.

Professional Experience

Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy, San Luis Obispo, CA

Senior Fellow

1/xx – Present

- Conducted data management, intake, editing, and output for the Digital Democracy program, an open government database while researching data for expansion to new states and legislative bodies.
- Worked under tight timelines, frequently achieving a data processing time of 24 hours or less.
- Helped supervise and train 30 Fellows within the program, facilitating growth and expansion.

Fellow

5/xx – 9/xx

- Researched and transcribed state legislative hearings, which involved research of individual speakers, policies, and the legislative process.
- Was expected to have minute attention to detail, as well as impeccable grammar and spelling.

Leadership & Involvement

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

4/xx – Present

Model United Nations Team, Delegate and Mentor

9/xx-6/xx

Cal State Research Competition, Internal Selection

1/xx-3/xx

Food Bank Volunteer, God's Storehouse

11/xx – 2/xx

Skills

Professional: Knowledge of Multiple Writing Styles (APA, MLA, Chicago); Intermediate French; Knowledge of Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods; Knowledge of Legislative Casework Processing and Software
Computer: Microsoft Office (50 WPM); SPSS Statistical Software, Social Media Platforms