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The Political Science Department offers instruction leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a Master of Public Policy degree. Students majoring in political science are eligible for the blended program to receive a Master of Public Policy in a seamless process whereby they progress from undergraduate to graduate status. Through the required and elective courses, the department prepares students to become informed, active citizens. Undergraduate and graduate programs emphasize the comprehension of political thinking and the application of communication and analytical skills, and prepare students for careers in research and survey analysis, administration, teaching, business, graduate studies, or leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Additionally, the department supports internship opportunities in local, state and federal agencies in addition to applied public policy research opportunities through the Center for Public Policy at Cal Poly.



Major and Minors

Political Science (B.A.)

The major provides students with insight into politics and policies in the United States and across the globe. While students learn to analyze governmental and nongovernmental institutions, power and politics, the program prepares students to become informed, active citizens who can excel in a culturally diverse world. Students receiving this degree are eligible to participate in the blended program in Master of Public Policy whereby they can seamlessly progress from undergraduate to graduate status.

Concentrations:

American Politics
Global Politics
Pre-Law
Individualized Course of Study

Minors

Global Politics
Law and Society
Political Science

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The MPP degree program is professionally oriented and open to students who wish to pursue analytic careers in government, nonprofit organizations, consulting, advocacy and related policy occupations.

Government

- Policy making and analysis for legislative and executive branches
- Program administration
- Social services
- Intelligence
- Foreign service

Law

- Prosecution/defense
- Corporate
- Nonprofit or public

Politics

- Elected official
- Campaign staff
- Staff administration
- Special interest
- Lobbying

International Affairs

- Governance
- Policy making and analysis
- Human rights
- Public-private partnerships
- Media education
- Teaching

Nonprofit

- Public relations
- Development
- Grant writing
- Political organizing

Media

- Public relations
- Reporting
- News programming

Where can this major take me?

