



## Bachelor of Arts

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Politics has been described as the process of determining “who gets what, when, and how.” At Pacific, you will examine fundamental questions about the nature and definitions of democracy and political power, explore the ways in which governments are organized and operate here in the United States as well as in other parts of the world, and learn how to evaluate the policy choices that we collectively make.

Our students graduate with a passion for knowledge that gives them a unique perspective as they move forward

in life as well-rounded, thoughtful, dedicated citizens intent on making an impact in the world—from their local communities all the way to the international stage.

They also go on to successful careers in law, teaching, business and finance, government, elected office and campaign management, media and communications, advocacy and consulting, and non-profit organizations.

### PROGRAM FEATURES

**Pi Sigma  
Alpha honor  
society**

**Phi Alpha  
Delta**

**Pre-Law  
Minor**

**Public Affairs  
Minor**

**Pacific Political  
Science Student  
Association**

**Washington  
Semester**

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I have always had an interest in politics and international relations. I want to make a positive impact on my community and improve society as a whole.

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BA Political Science

### **The Major**

Students in the political science major first encounter a broad introduction to the ways in which political scientists understand the social world before choosing among upper division courses in five subfields: comparative politics, international relations, political theory, public law and U.S. government and politics.

All of our majors take a career development course, where they explore the different kinds of jobs available to graduates and how to find and apply for them, and complete an experiential learning course, where you work with an organization or scholar to develop your professional skills.

In all of these courses, you will encounter the problems and controversies that animate current political debates in the United States and around the world. You will also polish your talents for written and oral communication and sharpen your abilities for rigorous and independent judgment.

The department offers minors in political science, pre-law, and public affairs for students who wish to complement their major in another discipline.

### **The Experience**

Pacific's political science majors are involved in nearly every aspect of the university's life. In addition to participating in student government and groups like the Black Student Union, the College Democrats and the College Republicans, political science majors can be found at the core of Pacific's nationally ranked speech and debate team.

Our students intern at all levels of government—from the Stockton Mayor's Office to the San Joaquin Prosecutor's Office and other county agencies to offices in the State Capitol and in Congress—as well as law offices, a variety of business firms and public advocacy groups.

In addition, students can apply to study in Washington, DC, through the Washington Semester Program as well as study abroad at universities around the world.

### **OUTCOMES**

The skills and experiences developed through our political science department are central to a great variety of career fields, and our majors go on to work as journalists and lawyers, managers and teachers, politicians and administrators.

Many students choose to pursue graduate studies in law and policy at excellent institutions, including Vanderbilt University; McGeorge School of Law; University of California, Berkeley; University of Washington and more.

### **DEGREES OFFERED**

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Arts with  
Departmental Honors

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/  
Master of Public Policy Blended Program

### **MAJORS OFFERED**

Political Science

### **MINORS OFFERED**

Political Science

Pre-Law

Public Affairs

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