

POLITICAL SCIENCE



“Education is the point at which we decide whether we love the world enough to assume responsibility for it.”

– Hannah Arendt

The mission of the Department of Political Science is to familiarize students with the great and enduring ideas of political philosophy, as well as theories and concepts central to an understanding of international relations, comparative politics, and American government and public administration. Faculty members ensure that students receive a thorough grounding in the social sciences, including

exposure to various philosophies and methods of inquiry and to well-known criticisms of these same approaches. We encourage students to think critically, to question received wisdom, and to engage in substantive research. We also provide mentorship to students as they prepare to pursue careers in fields like government, law, media, diplomacy, business, academia, journalism, non-profit, and many others.



Majoring and Minorin in Political Science

Our students receive a thorough grounding in the social sciences through exposure to various thinkers and methods of inquiry. Training in political science also helps students learn to think critically, communicate effectively, and become effective citizens. A unique combination of classroom theory and real world experience makes Political Science graduates particularly well suited for careers in public service, law, diplomacy, journalism, the military, and teaching.

INTEGRATED curriculum that requires students to take a variety of classes and present their original research senior year.

INTERDISCIPLINARY curriculum that allows students to explore a range of topics, methodologies, iconography, material culture, social history, gender studies, and ethnic studies within their general education core.

INDIVIDUAL mentorship and internship opportunities are available to students.

INTERNATIONAL opportunities are encouraged by studying abroad or taking travel courses in a student's sophomore or junior year.

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For more information on how to apply, please contact the Office of Admissions at admit@chapman.edu or (714) 997-6611 or visit their webpage at www.chapman.edu/admission/index.aspx.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Conduct research with faculty in the The Ludie and David C. Henley Social Sciences Research Lab
- Join the Chapman University Pre-Law Society and publish in the Chapman University Undergraduate Law Review
- Intern with a Member of Congress or a local law firm

WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM:

The Washington Semester Program at American University is an academic experiential learning program for students who, at the time they participate in the Program, will be at least in their second semester of their second year of college.

EMPHASES FOR A BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

- Political Economy and Policy
- American Politics
- Law and Justice
- Quantitative and Analytical Political Science
- Security, Peace, and Conflict

REQUIREMENTS:

- Major in Political Science: 42 Units Total
- Minor in Political Science: 21 Units Total

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