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## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [polisci.berkeley.edu](https://polisci.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Students can contact the advising office to schedule an appointment or ask questions at [psadvise@berkeley.edu](mailto:psadvise@berkeley.edu).

### Advising Drop-In Hours

Monday - Friday, 9am-12pm, 1:30-4pm

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bachelor of Arts



## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Political Science** major is concerned with the exercise of power in its myriad forms and consequences. Students explore central issues such as the ethical problems attendant to the exercise of power; the history of important political ideas; the impact of different forces on the operation of politics; the features of the US political system; and international interactions and the causes of war and peace.

The major is offered by the Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science in the College of Letters and Science.



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**“Poli Sci develops analytical capacities to critically think about how to address social issues and articulate how to implement ideas about state-society relations.”**

– Political Science Major

## THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The undergraduate program is designed for a diverse population of students, including those with a broad but as yet unfocused interest in politics, those aiming to attend law school or business school, and those intending to pursue an advanced graduate degree in political science. Students receive a common substantive and analytical foundation in political science, and are able to pursue diverse interests at the upper division level, most notably through the specialization requirement. Finally, the most ambitious and high-achieving students have the opportunity to undertake advanced research under the close guidance of a faculty member through the junior seminars and senior honors program.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with the **Undergraduate Political Science Association**.
- Pursue a **research opportunity**.
- Enroll in a junior seminar (PS 191), small, faculty-led seminars designed to develop research and writing skills.
- Attend the **Travers Conference on Ethics and Accountability in Government**.
- Participate in talks offered by the **Institute of Governmental Studies**.



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## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

