

# Political Science

Curriculum organized into 5 areas: American Politics and Society, Political Theory, International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Behavior

**Sample Courses:** The American Presidency, Intro to Law, Nuclear Arms and Global Conflicts, Human Rights, Politics of Protest

**Faculty Research Areas include:** democratization of societies, international cooperation and peace, the politics of racial and minority groups and ethnicity, political psychology, political economy/public choice & methodology, American politics

## Department Contact Information

**Website:** <http://www.polisci.uci.edu/>

*Poli Sci website contains links to course descriptions for the current quarter as well as a tentative schedule of classes for 2006-07*

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**General Information:** [psdept@uci.edu](mailto:psdept@uci.edu)

**Political Science Honors Program:** <http://www.polisci.uci.edu/honorsprogram.htm>

- Open to juniors and seniors who meet minimum academic qualifications- (3.5 political science GPA and 3.2 overall GPA; Courses taken elsewhere by transfer students count towards the GPA for purposes of entering the honors program even though these courses do not count towards the official overall UC GPA.)
- Applications available in SSPB 5223
- Provides an opportunity for students to conduct research in a topic of their choice and then write an honor's thesis, under the supervision of a faculty advisor.

## Clubs and Organizations

- Model United Nations: focuses on developing an understanding of current international issues and relations. Participate in local and national Model UN assemblies and a simulated UN Security Council session during spring
- The Law Forum: Study modern law through combination on special courses, guest lectures by practicing attorneys and distinguished UCI faculty, and legal research/ internships
- Political Science Honors Society
- Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society
- The Pre-law Society Club
- Mock Trial

## Other Opportunities and Resources

- **EAP:** Education Abroad Program: earn course credit in another country. Visit the Center for International Education website at <http://www.cie.uci.edu/>
- **UCDC:** Complete courses, a government, or a non-government internship in Washington DC! For more info, visit: <http://www.dccenter.uci.edu/>
- **(PATH) Public Affairs Theme House** in Arroyo Vista
- **Public Affairs Internship Program:** matches students' interests with political internship opportunities in the Orange County area



**Social Sciences Academic Resource Center- SSARC** (located in Social Science Trailer 370 A/C)

- Holds helpful workshops such as how to apply to grad school, manage stress, obtain scholarships, write personal statements and resumes, and conduct research
- Valuable information on internships, research, and graduate school; test preparation
- Transfer Student Outreach Program: Social Science transfer course offered Fall and Winter quarters
- Office hours: 9am- 5pm. Monday through Friday (949) 824-8322

**School of Social Sciences Homepage:** <http://www.socsci.uci.edu/>

**School of Social Sciences Undergraduate Counseling Office:** located in Social Science Tower (SST) 370D  
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