

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science is the study of government, individual, and institutional behavior in the public sector; relations among nation-states and non-state actors; and theories of domestic and international politics and decision-making. The program of study emphasizes empirical and normative political science, written and oral communication, computer literacy, qualitative and quantitative research methods, as well as critical analysis of complex political relations in both domestic and global contexts. Political science addresses the fundamental issues confronting modern society – war, inequality, civil liberties, civil and human rights, poverty and development, and the environment. It seeks to evaluate the processes, policies, relationships, and theories that have been devised to deal with them.



Political Science graduates are working in ...

- Foreign Service agencies of the U.S. government
- Intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations
- Non-governmental organizations such as Amnesty International
- International business
- Teaching in public schools
- Teaching at the college and university level
- Business and industry
- Law
- Community arts worker
- Translating and interpreting

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Eryqa Flores,
Political Science major

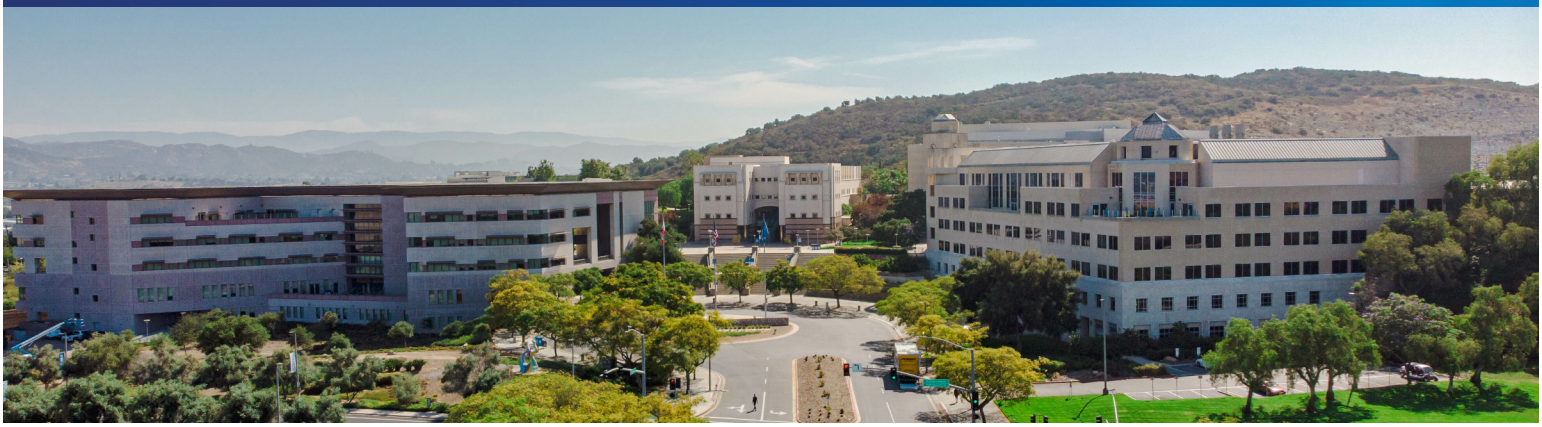
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Being a part of CHABSS as a political science major has taught me how to think critically about social justice issues and how to solve them. It’s prepared me to advocate for those in need and empower the voices of our future leaders.

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LABOR MARKET RESOURCE GUIDE

Top Posted Job Titles:

- Program Managers
- Business Analysts
- Program Managers
- Project Coordinators
- Adjunct Faculties
- Directors of Business Development
- Program Coordinators
- Managers
- Communications Specialists
- Environmental Scientists
- Program Analysts
- Research Associates
- Research Assistants
- Supervisors
- Technical Program Managers
- Adjunct Instructors
- Compliance Specialists

674,286
ANNUAL OPENINGS

$76.2K/yr
MEDIAN EARNINGS

+19.8%
% CHANGE 2021-2031 PROJECTED GROWTH

Based on the National Workforce in Political Science Occupations with a BA or MA.

**Sources: Lightcast™ Data in the U.S. from 2021-2023*



Top Skills Requested in Job Postings:

Common

- Communication
- Management
- Leadership
- Operations
- Research
- Planning
- Writing
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving
- Teaching

Specialized

- Project Management
- Marketing
- Auditing
- Finance
- Data Analysis
- Accounting
- Process Imprvmnt.
- Social Work
- Workflow Mgmnt.
- Business Process

Software

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft Word
- SQL
- Spreadsheets
- Dashboard
- Microsoft Access
- Microsoft SharePoint

Top Organizations Where CSUSM Political Science B.A. Graduates Are Working:

- California State University
- United States Air Force
- United States Navy
- Marine Corps Recruiting
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- University of California
- United States Army
- Poway Unified School District
- San Marcos Unified School District
- Amazon
- Aya Healthcare
- Intuit
- County Of San Diego
- Palomar Health
- City Of Long Beach
- United States Marine Corps
- General Atomics
- Kaiser Permanente
- San Diego State University
- Kern High School District
- Disney
- Ventures Lending Technologies
- Sony Group
- Target
- Truecare
- Cummingg
- JPMorgan Chase
- Nordstrom
- Equity Residential Select
- YMCA