Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

Minors
• Philosophy, Policy, and Economics
• Political Science
• Pre-law

Master of Arts
• National Security Studies

Master of Science
• National Security Studies Cyber Security Emphasis

Certificate Programs
• Intelligence Methodology
• International Relations

The major in political science is designed for students who desire a liberal arts program with an emphasis on politics, government and public policy; plan a career in government service or public administration; seek training for positions in foreign service agencies of the United States government, international organizations or corporations; intend to study law; wish to prepare for teaching in the public schools; or intend to work for advanced degrees in political science in preparation for college or university teaching or for government service.

The department offers courses in the following fields:
• American government and politics
• Comparative politics
• International relations
• Political theory
• Public law

Departmental Honors
Students majoring in political science who have a grade point average of at least 3.0 overall and 3.5 in the major are eligible to receive departmental honors at graduation.

Pi Sigma Alpha
Qualified students may join the CSUSB Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Student must have completed at least 15 quarter hours or ten semester hours of work in political science including at least one course not open to students in the first two years of collegiate work. The student must have at least 90 credits overall. Seniors must have at least a 3.0 average or higher in all political science courses and at least a 3.25 grade point average overall and in all political science courses. Additional information can be obtained from the Department of Political Science.

National Security Studies

National Security Studies Office
Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, Room 112
(909) 537-5534 National Security Studies website (http://nss.csusb.edu)

The Master of Arts in National Security Studies and the Master of Science in National Cyber Security Studies are professionally oriented, interdisciplinary, graduate-level program housed within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The M.A. program is designed to develop an understanding of the substance and principles of defense policy analysis, intelligence analysis, strategic planning and arms control in relation to the contemporary international environment. Flexibility within elective courses permits the student to emphasize research in national security issues of his or her special interests. The M.S. program is designed to develop an understanding of cyber security and intelligence analysis; the ability to understand and analyze the technical aspects of cyber threats from a geostrategic perspective, and analyze and communicate those threats to non-specialists.

The program is relevant to established career personnel in defense analysis and related specialties, the military services, the civil service, and the intelligence community. Additionally, the program is structured to provide motivated persons holding a Bachelor of Arts degree and/or Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited institution with the higher educational skills necessary for entry into the above mentioned career fields or to pursue doctoral studies.

The programs are intended for evening students primarily and, therefore, classes are predominantly scheduled between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Headquartered within the National Security Studies program is the California State University Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) that develops students for potential careers in the intelligence community, national service, or as local first responders through education in foreign affairs, world languages, and security studies.

Pi Sigma Alpha
Qualified students may join the CSUSB Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Graduate students must be enrolled in a political science graduate program and must have completed at least 12 quarter units of graduate work in political science with a grade no lower than a “B” in any course in their graduate program. Additional information can be obtained from the Department of Political Science.

Current Faculty
Fabián Borges, Assistant Professor
B.A. 2005, Universidad de Costa Rica
M.A. 2008, Georgetown University
Ph.D. 2014, University of Southern California

Steven Childs, Assistant Professor
B.A. 2005, University of Southern California
M.A. 2009, Claremont Graduate University
Ph.D. 2011, Claremont Graduate University

Mark T. Clark, Professor
B.A. 1984, California State Polytechnic University
M.A. 1986, University of Southern California  
Ph.D. 1989, University of Southern California

Meredith Conroy, Assistant Professor  
B.A. 2005, Whittier College  
M.A. 2007, Purdue University  
Ph.D. 2010, University of California, Santa Barbara

Antony Field, Assistant Professor  
B.A. 2000, University of Hull, England  
M.S. 2002, Missouri State University  
Ph.D. 2010, University of Warwick

Brian P. Janiskee, Professor, Chair  
B.A. 1989, Western Michigan University  
M.A. 1992, Michigan State University  
Ph.D. 1996, Michigan State University

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Ph.D. 1984, University of Minnesota  
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B.A. 2003, California State University, San Bernardino  
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Richard T. Ackley, Professor  
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Albert K. Karnig, Professor, President Emeritus  
Brij B. Khare, Professor  
Michael LeMay, Professor  
Ralph Salmi, Professor  
James D. Thomas, Professor

Undergraduate Degree

Bachelor of Arts

• Political Science (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba)

Minors

• Philosophy, Policy, and Economics (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/social-behavioral-sciences/economics/philosophy-policy-economics-minor)
• Political Science (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor)

Certificate Programs

• Intelligence Methodology (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science/intelligence-methodology-certificate)
• International Relations (http://bulletin.csusb.edu/colleges-schools-departments/social-behavioral-sciences/political-science/international-relations-certificate)

Courses

PSCI 203. American Government. 4 Units.  
(GE=D2)  
Political structure and processes of the American governmental system. This course meets the state code requirements in U.S. Constitution and state and local government.

PSCI 204. International Relations. 4 Units.  
A survey of major regions and ideologies of the world, and of the basic concepts of foreign and security policies, international political economy, international law, and international organizations.

PSCI 300. Western Political Systems. 4 Units.  
Major Western political systems.

PSCI 301. African Politics. 4 Units.  
Comparative examination of domestic and foreign politics of African governments.

PSCI 304. East European Political Systems. 4 Units.  
Comparative examination of the domestic and foreign policies of East European states.

PSCI 305. East Asian Politics. 4 Units.  
Comparative examination of domestic and foreign politics of East Asian governments.

PSCI 306. Latin American Politics. 4 Units.  
Comparative examination of domestic politics and foreign policies of Latin American governments.

PSCI 308. Government and Politics of the Middle East. 4 Units.  
Governmental and political structures of representative states in the Middle East, including Turkey, Israel, and the Arab States.

PSCI 310. Classical Political Thought. 4 Units.  
Classical political thought through a consideration of representative political thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle, Thucydides, Cicero, and Lucretius.

PSCI 311. Foundations of Modern Political Thought. 4 Units.  
Major political ideas of the early modern period ranging from Machiavelli through Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Burke.

PSCI 313. Modern Political Thought. 4 Units.  
Major political ideas of the nineteenth century.
PSCI 314. American Political Thought. 4 Units.
American political ideas from the colonial period to the present. This course meets the state code requirement in U.S. history.

PSCI 315. Post Modern Political Thought. 4 Units.
Major political ideas of the twentieth century.

PSCI 320. The Legislative Process. 4 Units.
Law-making processes in the United States and/or other selected political systems.

PSCI 325. American Foreign Policy. 4 Units.
Political analysis of American foreign policy with emphasis on foreign policy making in the nuclear age.

PSCI 326. Political Parties and Interest Groups. 4 Units.
Organization, objectives and activities of political parties and political interest groups and their functions in modern political systems.

PSCI 328. Judicial Process. 4 Units.
Process of judicial decision-making with emphasis on factors influencing that process and concepts of judicial roles.

PSCI 330. State and Local Politics. 4 Units.
Comparison of state and local political systems within the American Federal System. This course meets the state code requirement in state and local government.

PSCI 332. California Government. 2 Units.
The California Constitution, government and political institutions. This course is specifically designed to meet the state code requirement in state and local government.

PSCI 340. Sex and Politics. 4 Units.
Emphasis will be on sex roles in traditional and modern political systems, sex stereotypes in politics; effects of changing technology on conventional male and female roles; dynamics of change affecting the woman's place in the political world.

PSCI 342. The Politics of Environment. 4 Units.
Environmental problems in their political context, including air, water, thermal and noise pollution, solid waste, population growth, resource management, and the political costs and benefits of environmental protection.

PSCI 352A. Minority Politics: Ethnic Politics. 4 Units.
Minority groups in the American political system. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 352B. Minority Politics: African American Politics. 4 Units.
Minority groups in the American political system. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 352C. Minority Politics: Latino Politics. 4 Units.
Minority groups in the American political system. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 352D. Minority Politics: Asian American Politics. 4 Units.
Minority groups in the American political system. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 352E. Minority Politics: Native American Politics. 4 Units.
Minority groups in the American political system. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 375. Introduction to Political Science Research. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: PSCI 314 and MATH 110
Basic ideas and research topics used by political scientists with topics to include theory construction, research design, quantitative methods and philosophy of science.

PSCI 380. Introduction to Public Administration. 4 Units.
An introduction to the purposes, methods and characteristics of public management, including organization of public services, roles and relationships of public administrators, accountability and the achievement of public goals. (Offered as PA 380 and PSCI 380. Students may not receive credit for both.)

PSCI 400. International Politics. 4 Units.
Selected theories and evolving patterns of international politics as developed within the nation-state system.

PSCI 410. American Constitutional Law. 4 Units.
Principles of the American Constitution as announced by the Supreme Court in selected cases. Judicial review, separation of powers, presidential power, federalism and commerce are included. This course meets the state code requirement in the U.S. Constitution.

PSCI 411. The Bill of Rights. 4 Units.
Limitation on federal and state power arising out of the provisions of the first eight and the 14th Amendments to the Constitution. Modern developments are stressed. This course meets the state code requirement in the U.S. Constitution.

PSCI 431. The American Presidency. 4 Units.
The office and institution of the presidency of the United States.

PSCI 484. National Security Policy. 4 Units.
Introduction to concepts and principles of national security policy through an examination of topics in international relations, foreign policy, arms control, strategic thought and alliance strategy.

PSCI 500. International Law. 4 Units.
Historical basis and present trends in the development of international law.

PSCI 510. International Organization. 4 Units.
History, structure and dynamics of the United Nations and other multinational organizations.

PSCI 520. War and Politics. 4 Units.
The study of the origins and political consequences of war.
PSCI 525. Constitutional Interpretation. 4 Units.
Examination of theories and approaches to constitutional interpretation.

PSCI 528. Formulation of Public Policy. 4 Units.
Approaches to public policy analysis, emphasizing interaction between substance and process in policy development. Formerly PSCI 428.

PSCI 530. Studies in Political Theory. 4 Units.
Concentrated study of one political theorist or one subject in political theory. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

PSCI 535. Seminar in Constitutional Law. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: one of the following: PSCI 328, PSCI 410, PSCI 411, HIST 540 or consent of instructor
Intensive study in one or more aspects of constitutional law. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 540. Seminar in Comparative Politics. 4 Units.
Theories, methods, and paradigms of comparative politics. May be repeated as topics change.

PSCI 560. Intergovernmental Relations. 4 Units.
Administrative and political dynamics of relationships among national, state and local units of government.

PSCI 571. Organization of U.S. Intelligence. 1 Unit.
A self-paced study course providing detailed information about the structure, procedures and organizational principles behind the U.S. intelligence community.

PSCI 575B. Internship in Political Science. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: consent of instructor and department
Supervised work and study in public and private organizations. May be repeated once for credit. Graded credit/no credit.

PSCI 575C. Internship in Political Science. 3 Units.
Prerequisites: consent of instructor and department
Supervised work and study in public and private organizations. May be repeated once for credit. Graded credit/no credit.

PSCI 575D. Internship in Political Science. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: consent of instructor and department
Supervised work and study in public and private organizations. May be repeated once for credit. Graded credit/no credit.

PSCI 590. Seminar in International Relations. 4 Units.
Intensive study of some phase of foreign policy-making or international relations to be developed by instructor with class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

PSCI 592. Seminar in Government. 4 Units.
An intensive study of some phase of government to be developed by instructor with class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

PSCI 595B. Independent Study. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0, consent of instructor and departmental approval of a written proposal of a project submitted by the first week of the quarter in which the course is to be taken
Special topics involving library and/or field research. A total of eight units in PSCI 595 may be applied toward graduation.

PSCI 595C. Independent Study. 3 Units.
Prerequisites: a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0, consent of instructor and departmental approval of a written proposal of a project submitted by the first week of the quarter in which the course is to be taken
Special topics involving library and/or field research. A total of eight units in PSCI 595 may be applied toward graduation.

PSCI 595D. Independent Study. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0, consent of instructor and departmental approval of a written proposal of a project submitted by the first week of the quarter in which the course is to be taken
Special topics involving library and/or field research. A total of eight units in PSCI 595 may be applied toward graduation.

PSCI 597. Senior Honors Thesis. 4 Units.
In-depth research culminating in a written thesis. Written proposals may be submitted by seniors with a 3.5 grade point average in all political science courses. Enrollment is limited to those students whose proposals are approved by a faculty member with consent of the chair.

PSCI 600. Theory and History of Strategy. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: PSCI 484 or equivalent
Examination of the literature on strategy, from ancient to modern times and from various cultures. Both theoretical and practical methods will be covered.

PSCI 601. Strategic Systems and Strategic Thought. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: PSCI 484 or equivalent
Evolution of strategic thought, policy, doctrine and force structure relative to national security objectives.

PSCI 602. International Security. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: PSCI 484 or equivalent
Seminar on various conceptions of international security, with emphasis on current crises in international politics.

PSCI 603. Cyber Security and Cyber Warfare. 4 Units.
Examination of cyberspace as a domain of war and conflict used by state and non-state actors.

PSCI 604. Seminar in International Law. 4 Units.
Survey of the literature and a study of the Law of the Sea, Aerospace Law, and International Regulation of the Use of Force.
PSCI 605. Topics in Strategy. 4 Units.
Intensive study of a specific phase or area of defense strategy developed by the instructor. May be repeated once for credit, as topics change, with consent of students advisor.

PSCI 606. Analysis of International Terrorism. 4 Units.
Examination of the methods used to analyze terrorist groups and patterns of international terrorism.

PSCI 609. International Relations Theory. 4 Units.
An examination of the theoretical literature on international relations, including issues of war and peace, foreign relations, and international security.

PSCI 610. Proseminar in Political Science. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: consent of instructor.
Survey of the concepts and ideas that political scientists study, with emphasis on globalization.

PSCI 611. Regional Security of Eurasia. 4 Units.
Strategic factors in Russia and other post-Soviet states, with emphasis on the relations between the military and society.

PSCI 612. African Security. 4 Units.
Examination of security and defense issues of Africa.

PSCI 613. Middle East Security. 4 Units.
Middle East security, including its political, military, ideological, and economic components.

PSCI 614. Regional Security of East Asia. 4 Units.
Strategic factors in East Asia, with emphasis on the relationships between politics and military factors. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 620. Understanding Intelligence Failure. 4 Units.
Examination of surprise attacks and the problem of intelligence failure.

PSCI 621. Strategic Intelligence. 4 Units.
The development and practice of national intelligence estimates and reporting. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 622. Arms Control. 4 Units.
The background, history, development, and theory of arms control. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 624. Politics of National Security. 4 Units.
Examination of the influence of American political institutions and processes on U.S. national security strategy. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 625. American Foreign Policy. 4 Units.
Seminar on contemporary American foreign policy. May be repeated once as topics change.

PSCI 626. Analysis of International Terrorism. 4 Units.
Examination of the methods used to analyze terrorist groups and patterns of international terrorism.

PSCI 628. Regional Security of Eurasia. 4 Units.
Strategic factors in Russia and other post-Soviet states, with emphasis on the relations between the military and society.

PSCI 629. African Security. 4 Units.
Examination of security and defense issues of Africa.

PSCI 630. Middle East Security. 4 Units.
Middle East security, including its political, military, ideological, and economic components.

PSCI 631. Regional Security of East Asia. 4 Units.
Strategic factors in East Asia, with emphasis on the relationships between politics and military factors. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 632. Understanding Intelligence Failure. 4 Units.
Examination of surprise attacks and the problem of intelligence failure.

PSCI 633. Strategic Intelligence. 4 Units.
The development and practice of national intelligence estimates and reporting. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 634. Arms Control. 4 Units.
The background, history, development, and theory of arms control. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 635. Politics of National Security. 4 Units.
Examination of the influence of American political institutions and processes on U.S. national security strategy. Formerly a topic under PSCI 605.

PSCI 636. American Foreign Policy. 4 Units.
Seminar on contemporary American foreign policy. May be repeated once as topics change.

PSCI 698A. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 1 Unit.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 698B. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 698C. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 3 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.
PSCI 698D. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 4 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 698E. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 5 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 698F. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 6 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 698Z. Continuous Enrollment for Graduate Candidacy Standing. 0 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy and approval of program graduate coordinator or, if an interdisciplinary studies major, consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Independent study leading to completion of requirements (other than course work) for the master's degree. To retain classified standing in the master's program, a student must enroll in 698 each quarter until the project or thesis is accepted or the comprehensive examination passed. Students who enroll in 698 through the university have full use of all university facilities. See Culminating Experience: Exam, Thesis, or Project in Graduate Degree and Program Requirements section of the Bulletin of Courses. 698 is a variable unit course, see fee schedule in the Financial Information section of the Bulletin of Courses. Earned units are not degree-applicable nor will they qualify for financial aid.

PSCI 699. Thesis. 2 Units.
Prerequisites: completion of coursework and consent of thesis committee.

PSCI 999. Comprehensive Examination. 0 Units.
Prerequisites: advancement to candidacy, approval of department, completion of course work in the masters program and in good academic standing
An assessment of the students ability to integrate the knowledge of the area, show critical and independent thinking and demonstrate mastery of the subject matter.