

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## School of Education, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

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## General Description

Political science is the study of the theory and practice of government. Prelaw is the preparation for the study of application of law within the juridical system of government. Public administration is the study of the implementation practices of the governmental agencies and legal bodies. These three departments are closely related through the common interests of the people and in service of the populace either at the local, state, or national level. These departments explore social behavior, customs, rules, and practices within the context of the self-defined common good of the community and the willingness of the members of the community to delegate authority under proscribed conditions to individuals, groups, and agencies.

## Career Options

Below is a sample of the career options available for the political science, prelaw, or public administration major. A few of these require an associate degree, most require a bachelor's degree, and some require a graduate-level degree: politician, political scientist, political campaign worker, lawyer, legal assistant, legal researcher, government employee, agency director, historian, high school or college instructor, research assistant, consultant, administrative aide to a public official, budget analyst, lobbyist, city planner, administrator, and foreign service officer, non-profits, international organizations, cyber security, regulatory affairs, mediator, research analyst, public relations, intelligence analyst, military officer, legislative aid or assistant, economist, management analyst, policy analyst, urban planner, fact-checker, labor relations, human resources, social media manager, journalist, press secretary, press assistant, court assistant, para-legal, market researcher, political pollster, city manager, consumer advocate, lobbyist, customs and immigration officer, CIA, FBI.

Degree/Certificate Options	Major Code
<b>Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)</b>	
Law, Public Policy, and Society (SB 1440) ( <a href="http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science/law-public-policy-and-society-aa/">http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science/law-public-policy-and-society-aa/</a> )	01847
Political Science (SB 1440) ( <a href="http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science-aat/">http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science-aat/</a> )	01845
<b>Associate in Arts Degree: Transfer Preparation</b>	

Political Science ([http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science-political-science-aa/](http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science/political-science-aa/)) 01840

Public Administration (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/political-science/public-administration-aa/>) 01860

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

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