



Political Science, B.A.

Are you ready to change the world? As a Political Science major, you'll learn how to engage critically with political practices—local, national, and global—as you learn the skills you need for a satisfying career in political organizing, public policy, government, or law. You will also understand how social justice, culture, and the environment are interrelated and how to effectively and equitably address social, political, and environmental issues.

Experience Your Learning

We emphasize learning by doing through a number of opportunities that range from internships to clubs to studying abroad.

Intern with local government, like the Humboldt County District Attorney and Public Defender's offices and nonprofit groups, such as Northcoast Environmental Center and Internews.

Spend a semester working in the Capitol in Sacramento or Washington, D.C.

Participate in our award-winning Model United Nations and Moot Court programs.

Run for and join student government and help change the campus community and gain practical professional experience.



Did you know?

- None of our major courses have more than 45 students, and many have fewer than 30.
- We have interdisciplinary faculty expertise in the environment, global politics, policy, and law.
- Our dual degree pathway enables exceptional students to simultaneously earn a bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts degree in Social Science Environment & Community.



Academics & Options

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Program Concentrations

Law & Policy: Whether you want to go to law school, work for a government agency, or advocate for change with an NGO, this concentration will help you develop knowledge of the legal and policymaking process that you need to work effectively from the grassroots to Congress.

Politics of Environment and Sustainability: Environmental concerns are not just technical problems, they're key social and political challenges. This concentration explores links between environmental issues, social justice, individual freedom, and strategies for change.

Global Politics: Politics, economics, and culture are increasingly global. This concentration will develop your understanding of the actors and organizations that shape our world, while deepening your understanding of the diverse peoples, politics, and cultures outside the U.S.

Minors

- Political Science Minor

Get Involved

Panetta Congressional Internship: 11-week experiential education as a Panetta intern in a Washington, D.C. office of a California member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sacramento Semester: Live and learn California politics in a fully immersive program. Earn 12 credits that are transferable back to the Political Science degree at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Politics Club: Network, organize, and discuss today's most intriguing political issues in an informal setting with faculty and students.

Scholarship Opportunities: The Kalb-Haston Award is presented each spring to a student who has demonstrated personal commitment and leadership by taking an active role in student government. \$1000 is awarded to the first place winner and \$500 to the second place winner.

Careers

With a Political Science degree (and the career-focused, hands-on skills that come with it) there's so much you can do!

- Attorney
- Elected Official
- Intelligence Analyst
- Journalist
- Legislative Assistant
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Nonprofit Leader
- Policy Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Union Leader



I decided I was interested in state government. Humboldt really taught me the value of arming yourself with accurate information and researching every angle of an issue there is to look at."

Katrina "Katie" S. Hagen ('94, Political Science and French), director of California's Department of Industrial Relations