



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Political Science

Students graduating with a B.A. in Political Science should be able to:

- Define and analyze fundamental political concepts such as equality, freedom, justice, and civic obligation from a range of perspectives.
- Explain the factors influencing individual-level political attitudes and behavior.
- Understand and compare major political institutions, public policies, and the relationships among them as they operate in different national and international contexts.
- Apply social scientific and normative theories to understanding contemporary political issues and problems, with attention to alternative explanations and perspectives.
- Use and evaluate statistical and other types of evidence in analyses and arguments.
- Write effectively to convey complex concepts and information clearly and concisely.

In addition, students graduating with an emphasis in Public Service should:

- Be familiar with basic managerial accounting practices.
- Gain first-hand knowledge about how governmental or nonprofit organizations work through an internship and/or experiential learning.