

Stanford's top-ranked political science department prepares you to be an active citizen. You learn how political decisions are made and develop analytic skills essential for both graduate school and careers as:

- Lawyers
- Teachers
- Business executives
- Government officials
- Nonprofit entrepreneurs
- Data analysts

“ My PoliSci studies formed the foundation of the concept for Change.org, and I regularly return to the lessons learned from my courses in pursuing the goal of building a more responsive democracy. ”

Ben Rattray, '02, minor in Economics
Founder and CEO, Change.org

“ The political science major taught me critical thinking, problem-solving, how to conduct in-depth research and analysis, and strong public speaking and writing skills. These are skills I use every day. ”

Darius Ameri, '07
Agency team lead, Google Marketing Solutions

Political Science

WHY DO WE HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY BUT NOT GUARANTEED INCOME?

WHEN IS HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION JUSTIFIED?

WHY DO COUNTRIES GO TO WAR?



START HERE

The Science of Politics introduces you to fundamental questions in political science and prepares you to focus on one of five tracks:

- Data Science
- Elections, Representation, and Governance
- International Relations
- Justice and Law
- Political Economy and Development

Take timely courses like:

- *Justice*
- *Immigration and Multiculturalism*
- *War and Peace in American Foreign Policy*
- *Ethics of Elections*
- *Politics of Inequality*
- *International Security in a Changing World*

EXPLORE FURTHER

Political science majors can study at Stanford in Washington and through the Bing Overseas Studies Program. You can also pursue honors projects through the department or the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society; the Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL); and the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC).

Summer Research College pairs students with faculty working on more than a dozen ongoing projects such as “Mapping Militant Organizations,” “The CIA Declassified,” and “The Ecological Origins of Political and Economic Systems.”

THE WORLD IS A COMPLEX PUZZLE FULL OF QUESTIONS

Political scientists integrate a range of research methods—both quantitative and qualitative—as they explore and consider solutions to challenges facing society. Take courses on a range of topics related to both domestic and international politics, including governance systems, public policies, and political behavior.

PICTURED: *Modern Political Thought* course