



Political Science

New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open.

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll
focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Understand how the Supreme Court functions and writes decisions
- Review Supreme court decisions and recognize how they impact citizens
- Discover judicial politics
- Participate in a mock supreme court
- Exploring how cases make it to the Supreme Court
- Analyzing Court Decisions and Precedent
- Discuss how to network and get started on a political career path

2026 Dates

- Session 1: July 5 - July 19



Academic Program Overview

Students will learn about the Supreme Court and the impact its decisions have on society. We cover the entire process by which a case finds itself in front of the Supreme Court, and the limitations of the third branch of government. As a special for the midterm elections in November, the second week will be spent on campaigning and the how campaigns are coordinated.

Students will put knowledge and skills to work participating in a mock supreme court case and a mock campaign.



Excursions

Students will meet with local elected officials, visit the courthouse, and observe a live trial.

*Parental waiver required to permit trial observation

Instructor

Tyler Mark Johnson, Lecturer Cal Poly SLO

Tyler Johnson graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science with an MSc in Comparative Politics with a specialization in Comparative Political Economy. Tyler's research focused on voter behavior and China's Belt and Road Initiative. He lived in China studying Sino-Iranian Relations. Additionally, Tyler has worked on several political campaigns varying from U.S. Presidents, U.S. Congress (as grassroots organizer and strategist), and the California State Senate.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,398

Commuter Students

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$2,998

Supplements:

- Application fee: starting at \$99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. [Click here](#) for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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