

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Political Science Infosheet

New student admissions for Summer 2027 are open

2-Week Course

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

Program Highlights

- Explore how governments, political institutions and public policy influence communities and society.
- Examine the roles of elections, political parties and public opinion within democratic systems.
- Investigate how leaders, citizens and organizations contribute to political and governmental decision-making.
- Consider how media, technology and changing social conditions influence politics and civic life.
- Connect with professionals from fields such as government, law, public policy, advocacy and civic leadership through academic experiences.

2027 Dates

Berkeley:

- Session 7: July 25 - August 06

Academic Program Overview

Political science examines how governments, institutions and individuals influence the decisions that shape communities and society. The field explores how political systems function, how public policy develops and how citizens and organizations participate in the political process. If you are interested in government, law, public policy, international affairs or civic leadership, this course will introduce you to the many ways political science connects to the world around us. Students will explore topics such as political systems, elections, public opinion and policymaking while considering how media, technology and changing social conditions influence politics and civic life.

Excursions

Experience political science beyond the classroom through academic experiences including guest speakers, hands-on projects and professional insights. Students will have opportunities to engage with professionals from fields such as government, law, public policy, advocacy and civic leadership. These experiences allow students to explore different career paths, ask questions of people working in the field and see how political science connects to real-world issues, decisions and communities.

Instructor - To Be Announced

Courses are taught by accomplished and passionate faculty recruited from many area colleges, universities and professional forums. Each faculty member is selected for their subject area expertise and proven ability to both challenge and captivate students.

Tuition Information:

Apply by November 30 to lock in the lowest prices of the year. Tuition increases on December 1.

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**: $6,298

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**: $3,298

Supplements:

- **Application Fee**: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **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. Afternoons in both weeks are dedicated to students' preferred College Readiness Workshops (CRW), True You, and Academics in Action, with Academics in Action including academic excursions, guest speakers, and course-related activities, such as an instructor-led project or student-led, independent study.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academics in Action or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	CRWs, True You, or Academics in Action
5-5:15PM	Commuter Student Departure
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Clubs
10:30PM	Night Checks

Schedule above is a sampler; real schedules may vary based on program and academic track.

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