



Political Science & US Elections

New student admissions for Summer 2024 are open.



Program Highlights

- Gain a solid grasp of various departments and job responsibilities of campaign staffers in Presidential campaigns.
- Understand the administration of different voting systems used in the United States, including vote by mail, and understand how ballots are tabulated and elections certified.
- Engage in various issues surrounding the administration of elections in the United States, particularly that of issues surrounding election denialism and election integrity.
- Understand the constitutional issues surrounding the mechanism of the electoral college, and the certification process of the election of President of the United States."



2024 Dates

- Session 1: June 30 - July 12



Academic Program Overview

As the 2024 presidential election kicks into high gear this summer, students will get a hands-on education into how elections are actually conducted in the U.S. from the campaign perspective and an administrative and constitutional lens. This course will be a great opportunity for students to make connections for possible jobs and internships in the political world as well as in local government. It will allow them to survey the field to explore their own interests while also allowing them to become better engaged and informed participants in democracy.



Excursions

TBA

Instructors

Quemars Ahmed, Lecturer Cal Poly SLO

Quemars Ahmed was born and raised in California and is honored to teach at one of its great public universities. Ahmed graduated with his J.D. from UCLA Law where he was editor-in-chief of the UCLA Law Review. Professor Ahmed also holds his Bachelor of Science in Diplomacy & International Relations from Seton Hall University. Since graduating from law school, he has worked on presidential campaigns, focusing on voter protection, and has practiced law. Currently he is working in the field of election law research.

Tuition Information:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,298

Supplements:

- Application fee: \$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

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Academic Course
Noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Academic Excursion/ Recreational Activity
3:30 p.m.	Enrichment Elective
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Evening Activities
10:30 p.m.	RA Check-in

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