Political Science Graduate Degree Program

Department Statistical Highlights

- Students are encouraged to explore interdisciplinary research topics for their comprehensive exams and dissertation. **73%** of our graduates complete part of their comprehensive exams by writing a field paper on a traditional or a self-defined interdisciplinary area.
- **100%** of our students receive extensive teaching assistant training before entering the classroom. They are frequent recipients of campus teaching awards.
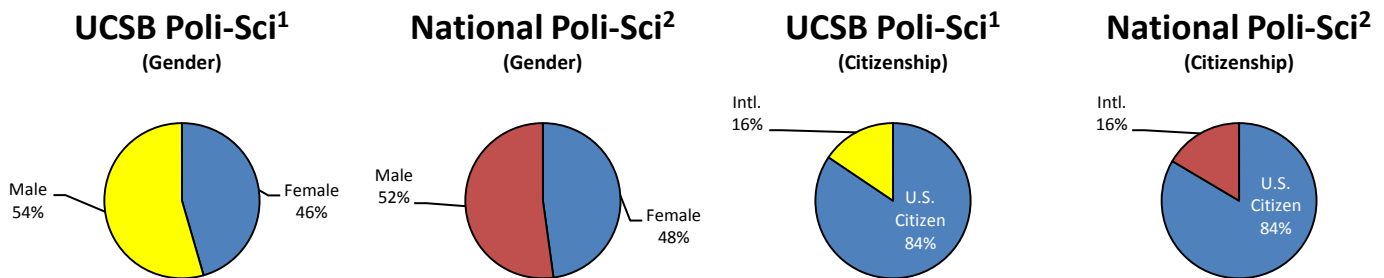
ENROLLMENT (Three-Year Average)

New & Continuing Students[1]
Average Enrollment
56

DEMOGRAPHICS

UCSB Poli-Sci[1] (Gender) — Male 54%, Female 46%

National Poli-Sci[2] (Gender) — Male 52%, Female 48%

UCSB Poli-Sci[1] (Citizenship) — Intl. 16%, U.S. Citizen 84%

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	UCSB[1]	Social Sciences[1]	UCSB Poli-Sci[1]	*National Comparison[1]
Citizenship and Race/Ethnicity	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Hispanic/Latino	8.0	18.9	9.4	6.4
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.4
Asian	8.2	6.2	6.4	4.9
Black/African American	1.6	2.5	2.3	6.4
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
White/Caucasian	47.4	44.1	47.4	53.8
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	14.5	14.5	19.3	9.4
International Students	19.6	13.0	15.2	16.4

*Because not all institutions responded to all items, percentages may not sum to 100.

DEGREES & GRADUATION RATES

Degrees Awarded[2]					Median Time-to-Degree		
	2009-10	**2010-11**	**2011-12**			**UCSB Poli-Sci[3]**	**National Comparison[3]**
Doctoral	2	5	5		**Doctoral**	7.5	8.9

Graduation Rates Ph.D. Students	
UCSB Political Science[3]	**National Comparison[4]**
Cohort's Entering Year 1997-2003	
Completion within 10 years 48.4%	43.6%

[1] Allum, J.R. (2012). *Graduate Enrollment and Degrees by Fine Field: 2001 to 2011*. Washington, DC: Council of Graduate Schools.

[2] Data represents a three-year average from 2009-10 to 2011-12. UCSB Office of Budget & Planning http://bap.ucsb.edu/IR

[3] SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/USDA/NEH/NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2011.

[4] Data from Ph.D. Completion Project, http://www.phdcompletion.org/tools/index.asp