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- The Sacramento Semester program
- The Capital Fellowship Program

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- Criminal Justice Student Association
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (National Honor Society)
- Pre-Law Society
- Graduate Association of Political Science Students

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