Political Science

Our Program
Our classes focus on critical engagement with current political practices globally and in the U.S. The Political Science major will give you the skills you need to pursue a career in political organizing, public policy, government, or law. Learn how to save the world... one step at a time.

As part of their degree requirements, students pursue one or more of the following hands-on learning opportunities: they can participate in Model United Nations, Moot Court, and local internships with government and non-profit organizations.

Our department offers three distinctive concentrations within the major. Students can choose to concentrate in one of these areas or can complete a major without a concentration.

Law and Policy
Whether you want to go to law school, work for a government agency, or advocate for change with an NGO, this concentration will help you develop the knowledge of the legal and policymaking process that you need to work effectively at the grass-roots right up to Congress. Courses in this area include:

- Public Policy Process
- U.S. National Politics or U.S. Constitutional Law
- Politics of Criminal Justice
- Race, Gender, and U.S. Law
- Legal Research

Politics of Environment and Sustainability
Environmental concerns are not just technical problems, they’re key social and political challenges. This concentration explores links between environmental issues, social justice, individual freedom, and strategies for change. Courses in this area include:

- Environmental Politics
- Water Politics
- Technology & Development
- Political Ecology
- Politics of Sustainability

Global Politics
Politics, economics, and culture are increasingly global. This concentration will develop your understanding of the actors and organizations that shape our world, while deepening your understanding of the diverse peoples, politics, and cultures outside the U.S. Courses in this area include:

- Global Governance
- Third World Politics
- Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Political Regimes & Political Change
- Model United Nations
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- Ethnicity & Nationalism

Bachelor of Arts
Concentrations Available:
- Law & Policy
- Politics of Environment & Sustainability
- Global Politics

Minors
- Appropriate Technology
- Political Science
- Water Resource Policy

Career Areas
- Business
- Colleges/Universities
- Federal Government
- Foreign Service
- High Schools
- Journalism
- Law
- Local Government
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Politics
- State Government

Careers listed may require additional education. For more information about careers & employers, see the Political Science Career Guide.

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