Overview of Political Science

Political Science is the academic study of politics and government. It remains central to any classical study of the liberal arts, firmly grounded as it is in the work of Plato and Aristotle. In another sense, because it often deals with current events and sophisticated statistical analysis, whether you are analyzing voting patterns in a presidential campaign, the Israeli parliament, or the pros and cons of different systems of government, Political Science is timely, fascinating, and perpetually changing.

Political Science majors develop excellent critical thinking and communication skills and, more broadly, an understanding of history and culture. Even more broadly,

In Political Science, you'll study everything from revolutions to political parties to voting behavior to public policy. You are also likely to explore the political issues inherent to different regions of the world, like the Middle East, East Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.


Characteristics of Successful Political Science Majors

The Political Science curriculum, including general education and major courses, is thoughtfully balanced to develop these skills.

- An interest in domestic and global political systems and the ability to put people, places and events into context
- The ability to think deeply and critically
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Attention to details and deadlines

Expectations of Political Science Majors

Successful students make successful employees. Exhibit your work ethic as you navigate your curriculum and you will be ready for the job search process.

- Attend every class; Ace your Political Science classes; Work hard from the first day; Be interested.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Successfully complete 15 hours each semester; Total semester hours required: 120
- Enroll in a balanced schedule to prevent unnecessary course withdrawal.
- Develop study habits that mirror work habits necessary for employment.
- Engage in at least one Real World Ready opportunity: an internship, service project, study abroad, etc.