

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science offers broad exposure to the discipline with courses on American politics, comparative politics, international relations, public administration and policy, and political theory. Graduates demonstrate knowledge of the basic facts, themes, theories and concepts central to the study and understanding of politics. Through this degree, students gain proficiency in critical thinking, writing and analysis of politics and theories of politics. Specific programs, such as comparative politics, provide opportunities for students to select one or two individualized areas of interest.

There are two options under the B.A. in political science degree program: a general major and the intensive major, which requires additional coursework, consistently excellent grades and a research project culminating in a senior thesis. The intensive major offers students experience that may provide an edge for pursuing future graduate studies and research or when entering careers in law, public administration, business and more.

Learning Outcomes

1. Political Science majors will demonstrate knowledge of basic facts, themes, theories and concepts central to the study and understanding of politics.
2. Political Science majors will demonstrate critical writing skills and demonstrate proficiency in the analysis of politics and theories of politics.
3. Political Science majors will demonstrate skills in critical thinking and evaluating political data in the analysis of politics.