

Political Science

Adult Education at Guilford College

Political Science is the study of politics and government. More broadly defined, it is the study of values, behaviors and institutions that relate directly to the making of policy in society. It is concerned with the rights and responsibilities of citizens and the relations of people with their governments. The discipline allows students to study political behavior in its ideological, cultural, historical and institutional settings. The curriculum provides students with a broad knowledge of both domestic and foreign political institutions, process and issues.

The Degree Program

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Political Science.

Related Major Skills

A Political Science major helps students develop skills that are applicable to any job, including the ability to:

- communicate clearly orally and in writing
- argue and debate effectively
- negotiate and mediate conflicts
- read, listen and think critically
- interpret and analyze data
- assess policy and propose options
- organize information
- analyze and solve problems systematically and logically
- make effective decisions
- demonstrate leadership
- interact effectively within a diverse environment

Required Courses

The major consists of a minimum of 8 courses (32 credit hours) in Political Science:

- PSCI 101: The American Political System
- PSCI 103: International Relations
- PSCI 105: Comparative Politics
- PSCI 203: Classics in Political Thought
- Two (2) Political Science electives at the 300 or 400 level
- One writing Political Science elective at the 300 or 400 level
- One additional Political Science elective

Internship Opportunities

Many students elect to do an internship related to their political science studies. Students may participate in internships located in Greensboro, such as private law offices and local government agencies. Students may also elect to participate in The Washington Center or the Capital Experience internship programs in Washington, D.C. or state-based internship programs such as the Institute of Government and the North Carolina Government programs. We strongly encourage students to participate in internships.

Political Science and Teacher Education

Political Science majors interested in certification to teach social studies in public schools need to double-major in Political Science and Education Studies. Students should consult advisers in both departments to be certain that all requirements are satisfied.

Possible Career Choices

Look at what some of our graduates are doing:

broadcast or newspaper reporter	foreign service officer	mediator
campaign manager	fundraiser	nonprofit organization director
city housing administrator	grassroots organizer	political commentator
city planner	intelligence officer	politician
consumer advocate	international business analyst	public affairs research analyst
corporate, criminal or civil attorney	labor relations specialist	survey/polling researcher
corporate information manager	legislative coordinator	teacher or professor
foreign affairs specialist	lobbyist	university administrator

Faculty

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Why Enroll in Guilford College's Adult Degree Programs?

- least complicated and lowest cost application
- most convenient location on W. Friendly Ave. with easy access from I-40, Bryan Boulevard, and Rtes. 29 & 68
- most convenient schedule (full-time, 2 nights a week or Saturdays only)
- lowest total cost full-time adult degree programs
- transfer credits never expire
- evening-only programs
- unique adult-specific services and personal attention
- dedicated, highly qualified faculty

Degree Programs Offered

Accounting ¹	Environmental Studies ³	Music
African American Studies ³	Exercise & Sports Studies	Peace & Conflict Studies ³
Art	Forensic Accounting ¹	Philosophy
Biology	Forensic Biology ¹	Physics
Business Management ¹	French	Political Science ¹
Chemistry	Geology & Earth Sciences	Psychology ¹
Community & Justice Studies ¹	German	Religious Studies
Computer Information Systems ¹	German Studies	Sociology/Anthropology
Computing & Information Technology ¹	Health Sciences ³	Spanish
Criminal Justice ¹	History ¹	Sport Management
Economics	Integrative Studies	Sports Medicine
Education Studies ^{2,3}	International Studies	Theatre Studies
English	Mathematics	Women's Studies ³

¹ Programs can be completed entirely at night.

² Internship/student teaching must be completed in the daytime.

³ Requires a second disciplinary major.

For additional information about Political Science at Guilford College, visit www.guilford.edu/academics and www.guilford.edu/adults or call 336-316-2179.