

# Political Science

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 10 courses (40 credit hours) in Political Science:**

- PSCI 101: The American Political System
- PSCI 103: International Relations
- PSCI 105: Comparative Politics
- PSCI 106: Classics in Political Thought
- PSCI 230: Politics of Problem Solving
- Two (2) Political Science electives at any level
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- PSCI Capstone (PSCI 465, 470 or 490)

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

### Faculty

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- dedicated, highly qualified faculty

### Degree Programs Offered

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

<sup>1</sup> Programs can be completed entirely at night.

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

<sup>3</sup> Requires a second disciplinary major.