

Students enrolled in Political Science courses explore American Politics, International Affairs, Comparative Politics, and Urban and Minority Affairs. Students address critical issues such as public policy, globalization, terrorism, the environment, civil rights, political development, and foreign policy. Political Scientists examine theories concerning the ideal government and how power and resources are allocated in society.

As a political science major, you will hone the writing, communications, analytical and computer skills that are critical to a liberal arts education. This kind of education will prepare you to think critically and independently, with tolerance for others and concerns for current affairs. Today, students can reasonably expect to change jobs more than once and even to have more than one career. An undergraduate education in the liberal arts and sciences is excellent preparation for the flexibility in employment that you are likely to encounter.

Majoring in political science can qualify you for many different careers in private for-profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as public sector organizations. A political science major prepares you for graduate studies or a career in business, law, consulting, state, local and federal government, journalism and communications, international organization, finance, polling and campaign management, lobbying, community service and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and pre-college and college teaching.

Political science education also provides valuable preparation for participating in community organizations, electoral politics, movements on behalf of specific policies, and for seeking elective or administrative positions in government. While many of these voluntary activities, participation in them develops skills and creates opportunities for career success.