

# Political Science at the University of Delaware

## Political Science at UD: A Distinctive Experience

*The University of Delaware provides opportunities to study politics you will not find at other institutions. In addition to our award-winning faculty you will have many unique opportunities and resources:*

### The Center for Political Communication

The CPC offers speakers series featuring national political figures, guest lectures, undergraduate research, state-wide candidate debates, film series, Election Night Central celebration and more!

### A Small State Equals Big Opportunities

Delaware's state-wide officials are frequent guests in our classrooms bringing Washington and Dover to Newark. UD Political Science majors secure internships in Delaware and Washington, D.C. and some are promoted to paid staff positions.

### Legislative Fellows Program

Legislative Fellows spend a semester working in the Delaware General Assembly for representatives and committees. Students gain valuable insight into state and local politics, make valuable employment connections and earn a stipend.









### Biden Domestic Policy Institute

A new institute that will deliver even more resources and opportunities to students.

## Political Science

The study of systems of government, political behavior, political thought, and public policy, both domestically and internationally.

### Political Science Quick Facts:

-  Political Science majors can easily add minors or a double major
-  Small class sizes for individualized attention
-  Study abroad with our faculty for four weeks during the winter session
-  Earn academic credit for internships anywhere around the globe
-  Everyone can graduate in four years
-  All faculty teach undergraduate courses
-  Opportunities for undergraduate research
-  You can earn an Honors Degree in Political Science

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# Political Science Student Career Success

*Political Science develops important skills like communications, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and data analysis. Political Science students find jobs in politics, government, business, and the non-profit sector. Since nobody knows what the job market will look like in four years, we provide a broad skill set that helps our students get placed in any economy and enjoy career advancement. Check out our students' jobs below!*

## 1 – 3 Years After Graduation

- ★ Account Executive, Yelp
- ★ Associate Bank Secrecy Act Analyst  
Bridgehampton National Bank
- ★ Auction Manager, Sports Marketing
- ★ Business Technology Analyst, Deloitte
- ★ Council on International Educational  
Exchange, English Teacher, Madrid,  
Spain
- ★ Constituent Advocate, U.S. Senate
- ★ Deputy Campaign Manager for John  
Carney for Governor
- ★ Deputy Communications Director,  
Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Financial Advisor at Bank of America
- ★ General Electric: Edison Engineering  
Development Program in renewable  
energy
- ★ Global Data Analyst, Bloomberg
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Air Force
- ★ International Business Development  
Coordinator, Delaware Department  
of State
- ★ Journalist, Amman, Jordan
- ★ Legislative Assistant, Pennsylvania  
House of Representatives
- ★ OADP Anti-Money Laundering Analyst  
at J.P. Morgan
- ★ Peace Corps, Dominican Republic
- ★ Staff Assistant, U.S. House of  
Representatives
- ★ Targeting Analyst, Central Intelligence  
Agency
- ★ United Nations Online  
Communications, Copenhagen,  
Denmark

## 4 -6 Years After Graduation

- ★ Associate, Halloran and Sage LLP,  
Hartford, CT
- ★ Campaign Manager, Kathleen Rice for  
Congress
- ★ Fundraising Associate, Flanagan,  
Fulkerson & Company, Washington,  
D.C.
- ★ Policy Analyst, Securing America's  
Future Energy, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Senior Account Executive, MSLGROUP  
Public Relations and  
Communications
- ★ Staff Assistant, U.S. Senate
- ★ Statewide Director and co-founder of  
Delaware Right to Marry Political  
Action Committee
- ★ Supply Chain Planner, Dr. Reddy's  
Laboratories
- ★ Transportation Planner, Tennessee  
Department of Transportation
- ★ U.S. Foreign Service Officer

*93 percent of employers say that “a demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than [a candidate’s] undergraduate major.”<sup>1</sup>*

## **Mid-Career Professionals**

- ★ Advanced Modeling Specialist, NPD Group
- ★ Assistant Director of Events, The Brookings Institution
- ★ Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University
- ★ Associate, Weir and Partners LLP, Philadelphia, PA
- ★ Budget Analyst, State of Maryland
- ★ Business Development, Moody's Financial Services
- ★ Chemical Demilitarization Analyst, Barbaricum, Washington, D.C.
- ★ Client Development Strategist, Spark451 Inc. Marketing and Advertising
- ★ Country Director, Burundi at One Acre Fund, Burundi
- ★ Delaware Press & Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives
- ★ Doctors Without Borders Field Project Coordinator
- ★ Field Communications Manager, Vaccines, GlaxoSmithKline
- ★ Global Human Resources Manager, Corporation Service Company
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice
- ★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Air Force
- ★ Legislative Liaison, Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Policy Director, Office of Governor John Carney
- ★ Senior Director, Enrollment Services Communication at Arizona State University

## **Advanced Career Professionals**

- ★ Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court
- ★ Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Commerce
- ★ Foreign Service Officer, Havana, Cuba
- ★ Foreign Service Officer, Jerusalem, Israel
- ★ McCain Presidential Campaign Manager
- ★ Obama Presidential Campaign Manager
- ★ Senator, United States
- ★ Vice President, United States

*Our students pursue graduate and professional degrees at prestigious universities in many exciting fields. Political Science prepares students for success in post-graduate education.*

## **Fields of Study**

Architecture, Economics, Education, English as a Second Language, Entrepreneurship & Design, Finance, Geography, Global Inclusion and Social Development, International Affairs, Interior Design, Law, Medicine, Political Communication, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Health, Religion, Social Work, Terrorism and Homeland Security Policy, U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy.

## **Law Programs**

American University; Brooklyn Law; Drexel University; Emory University; Fordham University; George Mason University; George Washington University; Georgetown University; Indiana University; John Marshall Law; Pace University; Northeastern University; University of Richmond; Rutgers University; St. Johns University; Seton Hall University; Syracuse University; Suffolk University; UCLA; University of Maryland; University of Pennsylvania; Vanderbilt; Villanova; Washington University in St. Louis; Weidner; Yale; and more.

## **Graduate Programs**

Aarhus University; American University; Augsburg University; Hertie School of Governance, Berlin; London School of Economics and Political Science; Michigan State University; St. Andrews University; Thomas Jefferson University; University College London; University of Edinburgh; University of Maryland; University of Massachusetts, Boston; University of Minnesota; University of Rochester; Wilmington University; and more.

# Employer Priorities for Most Important College Learning Outcomes

★ Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World		
✓ ●	Knowledge and understanding of democratic institutions and values	87%⊙
✓ ●	Broad knowledge in the liberal arts and sciences	78%⊙
✓ ●	Intercultural skills and understanding of societies and cultures outside the US	78%⊙
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★ Intellectual and Practical Skills		
✓ ●	Oral communication	85%◇
✓ ●	Teamwork skills in diverse groups	83%◇
✓ ●	Written communication	82%◇
✓ ●	Critical thinking and analytic reasoning	81%◇
✓ ●	Complex problem solving	70%◇
✓ ●	Information literacy	68%◇
✓ ●	Innovation and creativity	65%◇
●	Technological skills	60%◇
✓ ●	Quantitative Reasoning	56%◇
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★ Personal and social responsibility		
✓ ●	Problem solving in diverse settings	96%⊙
✓ ●	Civic knowledge, skills, and judgment essential for contributing	86%⊙
✓ ●	Ethical judgment and decision making	81%◇
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★ Integrative applied learning		
✓ ●	Applied knowledge in real-world settings	80%◇

Note: These data are taken from *Falling Short? College Learning and Career Success*, a 2015 report on findings from a survey of employers and a survey of college students conducted for AAC&U by Hart Research Associates. For a full report on this survey and earlier reports on employer views, see [www.aacu.org/leap](http://www.aacu.org/leap).

⊙ Indicates percentage of employers who "strongly agree" or "somewhat agree" that, "regardless of a student's chosen field of study" every student should attain this area of knowledge or skill.

◇ Indicates percentage of employers who rate this outcome as very important (8-10 on a ten point scale) for recent graduates entering the job market.

✓ Indicates a skill or knowledge political science and international relations majors work on in and out of class through projects, simulations, written assignments, debates and other course activities.

# Political Science Plan of Study

*The Political Science major at UD is designed to give majors flexibility in both plan of study and course selection. Students can take a wide variety of courses to satisfy major requirements. See page seven for a full list of department course offerings.*

## Political Science Major Requirements:

12 Credits Core Courses

18 Credits Upper Level Courses

Internships and undergraduate research can count towards major requirements.

## Political Science Concentrations

### American Politics

Students study the presidency, the Congress, courts, parties, interest groups, voting, public opinion, political psychology, Constitutional law, race, gender, elections, the media, political communication.

### Global Politics

Students study regional politics, foreign policy, migration, terrorism, diplomacy, international law, Islam in politics, use of force, national security, politics in literature and film, human rights and international organizations.

### Law, Politics and Theory

Students study Constitutional law, American political thought, judicial process, political theory, human rights, sexuality and law, gender and law, election law.

### Politics, Groups and Identities

Students study the politics of difference, race, gender, urban politics, sexuality and politics, ethnic conflict, religious difference.

All Political Science majors take four core courses including Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Global Politics, Research Methods for Political Science and a choice of three introductory courses on public policy, comparative politics or political theory.

Political Science majors may choose to complete the major with or without a concentration. Political Science without a concentration allows students to take courses across our full course offerings for exposure to all four of the traditional subfields in political science: American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Relations; and Political Theory.

Students may also concentrate in *American Politics*; *Global Politics*; *Law, Politics and Theory*; or *Politics, Groups and Identities*. A concentration allows students to tailor their major requirements to their interests in politics and specialize in an area of political science that may help them prepare for a future career path.

# *Minors and Related Programs*

## Minors in our Department

### Political Science

We offer a 15 credit minor in Political Science. Minors complete two introductory-level courses and three upper-level courses across at least two of the traditional political science subfields. This minor cannot be paired with a major in Political Science or International Relations.

### Political Communication

Political Communication minors learn about leading edge concepts of political communication and digital technology found in political campaigns and public policy debate at all levels of politics. Minors complete 18 credits of Communication and Political Science course work. We offer this minor in cooperation with the Department of Communication.

## Minors in Affiliated Programs

### Area Studies

Students can minor in the study of seven areas including: African Studies, Asian Studies; Islamic Studies; Jewish Studies; Latin American and Iberian Studies; and Global Studies.

### Legal Studies

Students have the opportunity to explore the law from an interdisciplinary perspective. The law is central to theories and research in the social sciences, humanities, business, and public policy.

### Women and Gender Studies

Students take an interdisciplinary approach to studying sexuality and gender, women in a global perspective and domestic violence.

## Other Majors and Minors

Political Science students also commonly add minors or second majors in Black American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, English, History, Foreign Languages, Sociology, and many more disciplines.

# Department Course Offerings

## **Introductory**

POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics  
POSC 220 Introduction to Public Policy  
POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics  
POSC 270 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
POSC 285 Introduction to Political Theory  
POSC 300 Research Methods for Political Science

## **American Politics**

POSC 301 State and Local Government  
POSC 317 Gender and Politics  
POSC 318 Public Opinion  
POSC 319 Topics in Politics and Broadcast Journalism  
POSC 320 Parties and Interest Groups  
POSC 322 Politics and the African-American Experience  
POSC 324 Voting and Elections  
POSC 340 Politics and the Media  
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment  
POSC 355 Urban Politics  
POSC 368 Politics of Difference  
POSC 380 Introduction to Law  
POSC 401 Topics in Law and Politics  
POSC 402 The First Amendment  
POSC 403 Civil Liberties  
POSC 404 The Judicial Process  
POSC 405 Constitutional Law  
POSC 407 American Presidency  
POSC 411 Politics and Poverty  
POSC 413 Topics in American Politics  
POSC 421 Political Psychology  
POSC 423 Congress  
POSC 425 Advanced Topics in Politics and Broadcast Journalism  
POSC 447 National Agenda  
POSC 452 Topics in Urban Politics  
POSC 457 Political Science Careers and Practice  
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics  
POSC 462 Climate Change: Policy, Equity and Mitigation  
POSC 471 Polling Research and Analysis  
POSC 476 Election Law  
POSC 480 Topics in Environmental Politics  
POSC 483 Washington D.C. Policy Practicum

## **Comparative Politics**

POSC 304 Islam, Identity and Governance  
POSC 309 Political Culture By Country  
POSC 310 European Politics  
POSC 311 Politics of Developing Nations  
POSC 312 Politics of East Asian Development  
POSC 317 Gender and Politics  
POSC 330 Political Terrorism  
POSC 339 European Union  
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment  
POSC 377 Arab-Israeli Politics  
POSC 426 Latin American Politics  
POSC 427 Politics of China  
POSC 430 Intermestic Relations of Islam and America  
POSC 433 African Politics  
POSC 436 Politics and Literature  
POSC 439 Topics in African Politics  
POSC 440 Comparative Public Opinion  
POSC 441 Contemporary Politics by Country  
POSC 442 Topics in European Politics  
POSC 450 Topics in Latin American Politics  
POSC 453 Comparative Political Economy  
POSC 458 Post-Soviet Union  
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics  
POSC 480 Topics in Environmental Politics  
POSC 482 America in the Middle East

## **Political Theory**

POSC 308 Theories of Sexuality and Gender  
POSC 333 Contemporary Political Ideologies  
POSC 361 Feminist Political Theory  
POSC 387 American Political Thought  
POSC 434 Political Thought I  
POSC 435 Political Thought II  
POSC 438 Topics in Political Theory  
POSC 459 Sexuality and Law  
POSC 472 Democratic Theory  
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law

## **International Relations**

POSC 313 American Foreign Policy  
POSC 316 International Political Economy  
POSC 329 International Migration  
POSC 330 Political Terrorism  
POSC 362 Diplomacy  
POSC 363 International Law  
POSC 368 Politics of Difference  
POSC 408 International Organization  
POSC 409 Topics in World Politics  
POSC 410 Islam in Global Affairs  
POSC 414 Topics in American Foreign Policy  
POSC 415 Force and World Politics  
POSC 416 Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution  
POSC 417 National Security Policy  
POSC 419 International Relations History  
POSC 420 International Crimes, Criminals, and Courts  
POSC 428 Topics in Asian Politics  
POSC 429 Southeast Asia and the World  
POSC 430 Intermestic Relations of Islam and America  
POSC 443 China and the World  
POSC 444 Global Agenda  
POSC 445 Human Rights and World Politics  
POSC 446 International Human Rights on Film  
POSC 448 Theories of International Relations  
POSC 449 Ethics and Politics  
POSC 463 United Nations  
POSC 475 Model United Nations  
POSC 482 America in the Middle East