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!

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<td>★ Account Executive, Yelp</td>
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<td>★ Campaign Manager, Kathleen Rice for Congress</td>
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<td>★ Senior Account Executive, MSLGROUP Public Relations and Communications</td>
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<td>★ Supply Chain Planner, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories</td>
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<td>★ Financial Advisor at Bank of America</td>
<td>★ Transportation Planner, Tennessee Department of Transportation</td>
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<td>★ General Electric: Edison Engineering Development Program in renewable energy</td>
<td>★ U.S. Foreign Service Officer</td>
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<td>★ Global Data Analyst, Bloomberg</td>
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<td>★ Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Air Force</td>
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<td>★ International Business Development Coordinator, Delaware Department of State</td>
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<td>★ Legislative Assistant, Pennsylvania House of Representatives</td>
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<td>★ OADP Anti-Money Laundering Analyst at J.P. Morgan</td>
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<td>★ Targeting Analyst, Central Intelligence Agency</td>
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<td>★ United Nations Online Communications, Copenhagen, Denmark</td>
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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.”

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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


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**

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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.
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 337 Political Culture By Country
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment
POSC 355 Urban Politics
POSC 368 Politics of Difference
POSC 387 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 Interimestic Relations of Islam and America

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 Interimestic 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 456 United Nations
POSC 475 Model United Nations
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

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