

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Capital's political science major provides you with the skills necessary to interpret and analyze current political events - skills that are essential to becoming a well-educated citizen of the contemporary world. Our program's faculty is committed to the philosophy that valuable education can take place outside of a traditional classroom setting. As a political science major, you will engage in activities that bring you into contact with the world of politics. This major will allow you to develop critical thinking and analytical skills. Supplemental courses can be taken alongside the major requirements to become licensed in Ohio to teach grades 7-12.

CAREERS AND PLACEMENT

The political science major offers a program of study that leads to careers in government at the city, state, or federal level, or in the foreign service. It also opens career paths in local, national, and international organizations, the legal profession, lobbying, secondary or university teaching, as well as the opportunity to continue your education in graduate or law school. Organizations and universities that Capital graduates have found work in include the University of Pittsburgh, US Army, City of Columbus, Ohio Credit Union League, The Wendy's Company, Mt. Carmel Health Systems, Jones Law Group, Bexley Public Library, Vanderbilt University, Battelle Education, Deloitte, Chipotle Mexican Grill, PPG Industries, and many others.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students can earn credit as interns while working in a city, state, or local government office, with a non-governmental organization, or the federal government. As interns, students work with politicians, government officials, professional specialists, lobbyists, and more. Recent internships held include local organizations such as the Ohio Department of Transportation, Franklin County Clerk of Courts, Ohio Statehouse Upper Level Page Program, and others.

AS A GRADUATE, YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO:

- Describe the major fields and theories within political science, the origins of the disciplines, and the contribution of the disciplines in understanding society
- Identify first order premises as well as the logic of arguments and critically evaluate issues in contemporary politics
- Correctly classify relationships according to theoretical models or concepts and clearly identify key parts of an argument
- Use appropriate data to illustrate concepts
- Recommend actions based on policy objectives
- Articulate the moral implications of choices
- Communicate clearly with various audiences in writing, orally, and with technology

WHAT ARE OUR GRADS DOING NOW?

- Assistant Professor
- Attorney
- Chief Diversity Officer
- Associate General Counsel
- IT Project Manager
- Compliance and Information Security Leader
- Professor of Political Science
- Senior Director of Special Education
- Director of Community and Economic Development

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Four-Year Sample Schedule of a Political Science Major

First Year Fall

American Government & Politics
Comparative Politics
Foreign Language I
First Year Seminar
Academic Composition

Second Year Fall

International Relations
Social Science Statistics
Political Science Elective
Cultural Pluralism
Elective

Third Year Fall

Political Science Elective
Natural Science, Non-Lab
Humanities
Elective
Elective

Fourth Year Fall

Global Systems
Political Science Elective
Internship OR Senior Thesis
Elective
Elective

First Year Spring

Intro to Political Theory
Foreign Language II
Oral Communication
Ethics
Elective

Second Year Spring

Social Science Research
Methods
Political Science Elective
Religion
Fine Arts
Elective

Third Year Spring

Political Science Elective
Natural Science, Lab
Elective
Elective
Elective

Fourth Year Spring

Political Science Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective

All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.



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