

Political Science

Political science is the study of governments, public policies and political behavior. Political science uses both humanistic perspectives and scientific skills to examine the United States and all countries and regions of the world.

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 science examines theories concerning the ideal government and how power and resources are allocated in society.

As political science majors, students hone writing, communication, analytical and computer skills that are critical to a liberal arts education. This kind of education prepares students to think critically and independently, with tolerance for others and concern 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 students are likely to encounter.

Majoring in political science can prepare a student for many different careers in private for-profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as public sector organizations. A political science major can qualify students for graduate studies and an eventual career in business, law, consulting, state, local and federal government, journalism and communication, international organization, finance, polling and campaign management, lobbying, community service, nongovernmental organizations, and precollege 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 are voluntary activities, participation in them develops skills and creates opportunities for career success.

Majors in Political Science

- BA in Political Science (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/fairmount-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-ba/>)

Minors in Political Science

- Minor in Political Science (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/fairmount-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/political-science-minor/>)

Courses in Political Science

- First-Year Seminar POLS (FYPS) (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/courses/fyps-first-year-seminar-pols/>)
- Political Science (POLS) (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/courses/pols/>)