



College of Arts & Sciences

Political Science

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WHAT CAN A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR DO FOR YOU?

Political science majors explore issues of power, conflict, and justice. Students will study theories of government and the development of political systems along with the role of groups and individuals within the political process. With this understanding, students will begin to explain why governments and people behave the way they do and see how changes to a governmental system will alter behavior in the future. The Department of Political Science at UK offers a wide range of courses spanning the sub-fields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations. Specific subjects include: political processes, judicial behavior, political theory, international conflict, political behavior, comparative institutions, public administration, women in politics, constitutional law, and state and local government.

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU DEVELOP STUDYING POLITICAL SCIENCE?

- Research Skills: Gathering information and opinions from a variety of sources and synthesizing the findings into a coherent and persuasive argument
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Effectively counter criticism and opposing views
- Critical thinking and analytical skills necessary to solve problems

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS GO ON TO BECOME/WORK IN:

- Public administration
- International affairs specialists
- Corporate VP / President
- Law Enforcement
- Diplomats/Diplomatic Staffers
- Legislative or Executive Branch Aides
- Executive Director
- Paralegal
- Professor / Teacher
- Political Consultants / Analysts
- Lawyers / Judges
- Legislative Staff Members
- Politicians
- Public Policy Researchers
- Campaign Managements
- News Correspondents
- Business Owners / Managers
- Account Executives
- Sales Representatives
- Urban and Regional Planners

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