

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.S.

- General
- Geography
- Legal Studies
- Political Communication

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The study of political science develops knowledge and understanding of national and international government, politics, and policy. This program prepares students for careers in public service and private business, as well as for graduate work leading to careers in a variety of areas including law, public administration, policy analysis, foreign service, journalism, and college teaching. **Close proximity to Washington, D.C., gives students the opportunity to observe the federal government in operation and to apply for internships and jobs in their desired field.**



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Their Career Goals



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to Build Portfolio and to Network
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Personal Attention



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for Students Interested in Double
Majors, Graduate Schools, or
Career Employment



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Available for New and Continuing
Students

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MINORS AND CONCENTRATIONS

Legal Studies Concentration

Provides students with an in-depth understanding of the American legal system. While this program is especially appropriate for students who are considering law-related careers, it is open to all political science majors who wish to learn more about the U.S. Constitution, the legal process, the courts, and the fundamental rights of citizens in a democratic society. In addition, the department offers an advisory service to students interested in law school.

Political Communications Concentration

Provides students with an in-depth understanding of both political institutions and processes and communication theory and techniques. This program prepares undergraduates to become policy advocates, campaign executives, public relations officers, political consultants and other political professionals whose work is to create, shape, and distribute messages that influence the political process.

Geography Minor

Promotes geographic literacy by building student knowledge and appreciation of diverse populations and environments. It develops student critical thinking and spatial reasoning skills and fosters respect and understanding of cultures around the world. Foundational study of geography is good preparation for a multitude of careers as well as graduate study, especially for those with interests in international affairs, world regions, culture and history, and human-land relationships.

CAREERS

- Our graduates **pursue careers in public service** including CIA, FBI, AmeriCorp, or Peace Corps, and local and national politics.

- Program graduates further their education by attending **prestigious graduate schools** such as New York University, American University, Ohio State University, University of Maryland, George Mason University, University of Bremen (Germany), and West Virginia University.
- Those interested in legal careers have gone on to **law schools** such as the University of Pennsylvania, American University, Penn State University, West Virginia University, Liberty University, and Michigan State University.

GET INVOLVED

The Department of Political Science, Global Studies, and Geography offers interested students many different ways to get involved. Those interested in honor societies can join either **Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society** or **Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars**. Others who are interested in learning about the legal profession or attending law school may consider joining our **Pre-Law Society**. Our chapters of the **College Republicans** and **Young Democrats** are open to all students who are interested in national politics. We are also home to the **Debate and Forensics** and **Model United Nations** teams.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Our students have been part of **nationally prestigious programs** such as the presidential inauguration's leadership summit.
- Several of our students have **published their own research and presented their work at national conferences while attending Shepherd**.
- Our **Debate and Forensics team** has won many awards, including first place in the **2017 West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament (WVIFA) State Championship**.

