



METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITYSM
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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in political science degree program at Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver) offers the study of government, public policy and the political behavior of individuals and groups at all levels of community life.

Students working toward a BA in political science acquire critical skills in analysis and communication that allow them to think independently and tolerantly about current affairs in our diverse world. By employing humanistic and scientific perspectives to study nations and their subdivisions, as well as regions of the world and international relations, students gain an understanding of the complexities inherent in American national government and world affairs.

Program Options

Students seeking a BA in political science at MSU Denver complete 36 semester hours (12 courses) in the Department of Political Science and select one of the following concentrations:

- **United States Politics**
- **International Politics**

Students also may choose to obtain Colorado licensure for secondary education in social studies congruently with earning their BA in political science. Other graduation requirements apply.

Benefits of Earning Your Degree at MSU Denver

The Department of Political Science delivers all the academic content you expect from a BA program while also bringing to the table everything that's unique about MSU Denver's people and Denver's political community. Students here have the advantage of the following unique opportunities:

- Enjoy attending classes on a vibrant and diverse downtown campus that's located only minutes from the Colorado Capitol Building.
- Benefit from small classes, extensive interaction with faculty dedicated to your success and the convenience of evening course options.
- Participate in a variety of special activities, including prelaw advising and an educational summer program in Washington, D.C.
- Join MSU Denver student chapters of the National Political Science Honor Society (ΠΣΑ) and the Political Science Association.
- Learn and work in the Golda Meir Center for Political Leadership, a nonpartisan educational project that gives international visibility to MSU Denver.
- Get involved in co-curricular projects sponsored by the department, such as the Model Arab League and the Model United Nations.
- Intern with various organizations that can serve as stepping stones to employment and jumpstart your professional career in political science.

Career Opportunities for Our Graduates

Earning a BA in political science from MSU Denver prepares students for further graduate studies or for careers in public and private sectors including state, local and federal governments and their agencies; public policy; law; business; journalism; foreign service and international organizations; and secondary and college education.

Our graduates have gone on to work as lawyers, public officials, policy analysts, lobbyists, consultants, teachers, professors, campaign managers, reporters and more. Some professions may require a graduate degree or other training.

About MSU Denver

As Colorado's urban land-grant university, Metropolitan State University of Denver works to create lasting community impact. We provide an exceptional education of great value, preparing our 23,000 students to succeed and serve. MSU Denver is the leader in educating undergraduate Coloradans, and we enroll the highest number of students of color among the state's four-year colleges. The University offers over 200 degree options including programs for bachelor and master degrees. Most of our more than 76,000 alumni remain in Colorado after graduation.

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Where Our Graduates are Now

A few organizations that have hired graduates of MSU Denver's political science program include:

- Peace Corps, Mongolia
- Teach for America
- Colorado General Assembly
- U.S. Treasury Department
- National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations, Washington, D.C.
- Office of the District Attorney, Trinidad, Colo.
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Swedish Embassy of Indonesia
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

Other graduates have gone on to study in post-baccalaureate programs in schools such as:

- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
- New York University
- University of Denver Korbel School of International Studies
- American University School of Law, Washington, D.C.
- Fordham University School of Law, New York
- Seattle University School of Law
- Lehman College New York City Teaching Fellows Program
- George Washington University Graduate School, Washington D.C.

Sample Classes

American National Government
Political Systems and Ideas
Conducting Political Analysis
Political Theory
Introduction to International Relations
Introduction to Public Administration
American Constitutional Law
Environmental Politics
European Politics
International Political Economy
Readings in Washington Politics

“With graduation and law school around the corner, I can’t thank you [the faculty] enough ... you’ve always had so much faith in me that it’s pushed me to become a better me.”

—Jennifer Rystrom (BA in political science '14)

Program Accreditation

Political science degree programs at MSU Denver are part of the university's overall accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

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