



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

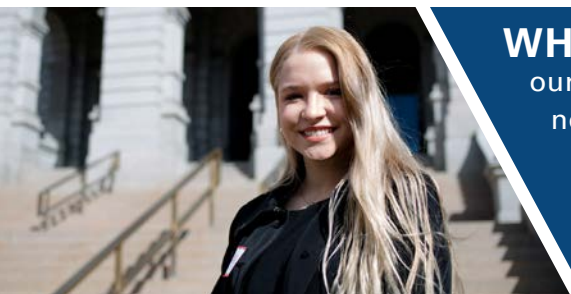
POLITICS IS EVERYWHERE



ABOUT US Our department offers opportunities to pursue your educational goals by gaining important knowledge and a real-world, ethically based understanding that will help you navigate the political world. Whether your interests lie in American Politics, Public Policy, International Relations, Global Politics, Law, Campaigns and Elections, Advocacy, Leadership, Parties, Social Justice, Public Administration, Native American Studies or Public Service, we have classes for you.



MAJOR/MINOR Our Political Science Program offers a B.A. in Political Science along with several minors. Whether you are interested in local, state, national or global politics and policy, a career in public service, or are preparing for law school, the Political Science Major is flexible and tailored to your interests. Round out your education by selecting a minor in Legal Studies, Leadership, Native American Studies, and Public Affairs or any other minor offered by programs across campus.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL Internships are an essential part of our students' education. We have placed interns in local governments and non-profits, law offices, Congress and federal agencies in D.C., and even in international organizations. Our location in Downtown Denver provides a unique opportunity to work right where all the action is, or choose an internship outside of the metro area, or the state, to pursue unique real word experiences.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES From small classes and award-winning faculty who know your name, to opportunities to engage in applied experiences such as internships, Mock Trial and Model UN, to introducing you to global politics during a study abroad, the Political Science program offers a full range of opportunities to explore your passions while gaining the knowledge and skills to be an effective and impactful changemaker.

STUDENT QUOTE

"The work they [the faculty] do, especially in the context of a school like MSU Denver, literally changes the trajectory of success for students who are often first generation college students like myself."

- Jose Romero



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POLITICAL SCIENCE | Bachelor of Arts

Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	- Attend Orientation and register for classes - Meet with your academic advisor - Complete scholarship financial aid application	- Declare your major - Consider adding a minor or certificate in another field - Check your Degree Progress Report and meet with your advisor	- Work with an advisor to ensure you have no outstanding course requirements - Take your senior experience course - Apply to graduate
Engage Globally and Locally	- Join a student organization, start connections - Speak with a professor about opportunities like the Political Science Club, Model UN or Mock Trial; Research study abroad opportunities	- Speak with a professor about research opportunities - Attend speaker and special events by dept. - Intern or Volunteer for political campaign or community organizations	- Integrate electives that help achieve your career goals - Participate in multicultural events around campus - Take on leadership and mentoring tasks within student orgs/classroom
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	- Check out on-campus and career-aligned jobs on Career Link - Ask a professor about classes that fit your career goals - Create your resume	- Connect with the C2 Hub on professional mentoring and networking opportunities - Attend C2 and Political Science career events	- Attend alumni and campus-wide networking events - Discuss deadlines and reference letters for graduate school or potential jobs with professors

Academic Success Checklist

- ☐ Discover library resources
- ☐ Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- ☐ Visit the writing and tutoring center
- ☐ Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

60% of Political Science students plan to, or completed, an internship

Over **94%** of Political Science Majors or Minors are satisfied with the program

Career Development Checklist

- ☐ Update your resume early & often
- ☐ Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- ☐ Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Solve problems and make decisions
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data
- Lead and influence others

This major gives me the skills to:

- Understand how to lead and make decisions in political systems locally, domestically and globally
- Connect current public affairs issues to underlying patterns of politics and policy
- Research and analyze data to better inform decisions and affect change

What careers can I pursue?

- Campaign Manager
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Attorney
- Diplomat
- Public Affairs Advisor
- Public Policy Analyst

