

Political Science

B.A. | Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

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Bold belief

As a thoughtful and responsible citizen, you want to study politics in a place that challenges you to think critically about *why* you believe what you do. Northwestern professors will do just that.

Capital experience

Participate in the American Studies Program in Washington, D.C., and intern with political leaders and nonprofits like Amnesty International. Students can also intern in offices for local, state or federal officials.

Interested in law?

Introduce yourself to law by taking our recommended pre-law courses or begin the process of earning your J.D. through a partnership with Drake University.

Politics on campus

Get involved with clubs that contribute to change on campus and in the real world:

- ☒ Run for Northwestern’s **Student Government Association** and serve as a liaison between students and administrators.
- ☒ Join **campus political clubs** that promote political involvement among your peers.
- ☒ Work alongside the **Justice + Service Team** and **Creation Care Club** to engage issues such as human trafficking, climate change and criminal injustice.

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TOP-25 graduates

Our political science grads consistently attend top-25 law schools, such as Iowa and George Washington.



Versatile choice

A recent LinkedIn study found that political science is among the most versatile majors.



Law degree in 6 years

Northwestern has partnered with Drake University to help you earn B.A. *and* J.D. degrees in 6 years.

Outcomes

Northwestern’s political science major is a great option for graduates who want to work in business, law, social work, education—and, yes, even government or party politics. Join our standout political science graduates at employers and graduate schools such as:

- George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
- Office of Inspector General, Lincoln, NE
- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Chicago, IL
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Des Moines, IA

Political Science Major Plan of Study

	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
<i>Freshman</i>	PSC101SS: American Government*	
<i>Freshman or Sophomore</i>		PSC235CC: Comparative Politics
<i>Sophomore</i>	200-level PSC course(s)	200-level PSC course(s)
<i>Junior or Senior</i>	200-level PSC course(s)—if needed/ desired	PSC310HP: History of Political Thought
	PSC320: Christians and the Political Order	PSC325: American Political Thought**

*= PSC101SS is offered almost every semester, so there are plenty of opportunities to take it in case Freshman Fall semester does not work.

**= or 4 credits of another 300/400-level PSC class or equivalent (in any semester).

200-level electives

PSC205SS - Political Ideologies

PSC210BR - Introduction to Political Philosophy

PSC220 - Politics and Public Policy

PSC225WI - Introduction to Law

PSC230SS - International Relations

PSC250HP - The Cold War and Beyond: International History 1945-2000

PSC260CC - Human Geography

PSC295 - Electoral Politics Field Experience