



POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Political science major • Political science minor • Political economy major
• Political economy minor • International relations minor
• Pre-law designation**

Confront, study and solve real world problems while examining power and its impact as you prepare to shape the world we live in through political science. As a political science major, you will grow your professional skill set through internships and experiential learning opportunities, engage in your own original research and prepare for a thriving career in politics, law, business, public service or a wealth of other industries.

100%

of our students
complete an internship
or undergraduate
research.

THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Where theory meets practice

The Franklin College political science curriculum is rooted in the belief that the best way to learn political science is to practice it. The program leads students out of the classroom and into their communities early in their college careers. For example, students may learn from a service project with local government, observe trials and oral arguments in court or volunteer on a political campaign.

When in the classroom, students study constitutional law, international relations, foreign policy, political participation, local and state government and federal governmental institutions. Students with particular interest in the overlap between politics and the economy pursue a major or minor in political economy, a discipline that examines how international and domestic political factors interact with financial systems to shape the world and influence trade, regulation, taxation and globalization. The political science curriculum culminates with students conducting and presenting their own independent research – an opportunity usually reserved for graduate-level students.

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OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Immersive experiences and internships

Every Franklin College political science major graduates having completed at least one internship, but many students complete two, three or more in just four years. Recent internship sites include:

- Law and political consulting firms: Stuart & Branigin, LLP
- Political campaigns: Local, state and national campaigns
- Local, state and national courts: The Johnson County Superior Court and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- Local government offices: The Mayor of Franklin, the Johnson County Clerk and the Johnson County Department of Child Services
- State government offices: The Indiana Attorney General and the Indiana Secretary of State
- National executive offices: The U.S. Army Legal Services Division and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- State legislature: The Indiana General Assembly Republican and Democratic Caucuses
- National legislative offices: Sens. Dan Coats, Todd Young and Joe Donnelly
- Nonprofit organizations: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, The Christian Legal Clinic, Exodus Refugee Immigration, Indiana Legal Services, the Lugar Center and the Sagamore Institute.

POST-GRADUATION

94 percent job and graduate school placement

The political science department has a 94 percent job and graduate school placement rate over the last 12 years. While many students pursue advanced degrees in political science, law, history or philosophy, students who've gone directly into the field have worked in:

- Business: Management, finance and linguistics
- Education: Domestic and international
- Government: Law, political campaigns and lobbying
- Nonprofits: Community organizations and social services

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Mock Trial and Model United Nations Teams:** These two thriving campus organizations have equipped students with practical law and diplomacy experience and led them to New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago and elsewhere to compete against peers from around the world. The Mock Trial Team won regional recognition in 2018 and the Model UN Team earned international awards in 2015 and 2017.
- **Pre-law program:** Franklin College students can add a pre-law designation to their college experience, a unique track that facilitates one-on-one career advising with experienced attorneys and prepares students to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- **Pi Sigma Alpha:** Franklin College hosts a chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Students who participate have the opportunity to attend and present work at the organization's annual conference.
- **Franklin College Across the Aisle:** This student organization is home to the College Republicans and College Democrats. Students seek to foster dialogue, promote civic engagement and find common ground.
- Department contact information: Read more about the program at www.FranklinCollege.edu/political-science or contact Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science Randall Smith, Ph.D., directly at 317.738.8562 or rsmith3@FranklinCollege.edu.