



POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR • POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR • POLITICAL ECONOMY MAJOR • POLITICAL ECONOMY MINOR • INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MINOR • PRE-LAW DESIGNATION

100%

of majors complete
an early college field
experience

Confront, study and solve real world problems. Prepare to shape the world through political science. As a political science major, you will grow your professional skills through internships and experiential learning opportunities, engage in your own original research, develop a professional network and prepare for a thriving career in politics, law, business, public service, advocacy, education or a variety of other fields.

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 college. For example, students may learn from a service project with local government, observe trials and court arguments or volunteer on a political campaign.

The political science curriculum offers students courses in many areas, including:

- American government and policy
- International relations and diplomacy
- Constitutional law
- Foreign policy
- International law
- Elections and political participation
- State & local government
- Congress
- Executive branch
- Courts, justice and advocacy
- Individual research topics

SCAN

to learn more



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Students with an interest in the overlap between politics and the economy can 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.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Immersive experiences and internships

Every political science major participates in an early immersive learning experience. These opportunities help students build knowledge, experience, and contacts in the field. For example, students may:

- Learn diplomacy on the Model United Nations team
- Practice the art of legal research and advocacy on the moot court team
- Conduct a service project with a local government agency
- Help run, strategize, or get out the vote on a political campaign

All graduates complete at least one internship. Many do more. Recent internship sites include:

- Political campaigns for local, state and national office
- Federal and state courts: Indiana Court of Appeals, Johnson Circuit Court, U.S. District Court
- State legislature: The Indiana General Assembly Republican and Democratic Caucuses
- National legislative offices: Sens. Todd Young, Joe Donnelly, Rep. Greg Pence
- Respected Indiana law firms and consulting groups
- Nonprofit organizations: Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Drive Clean Indiana
- International sites: Irish Parliament, Joel Nafuma Refugee Center

POST-GRADUATION

93 percent full-time job or graduate school placement within six months of graduation

The political science department has a 93 percent job and graduate school placement rate. While many students pursue advanced degrees in political science, law, history or philosophy, students who have gone directly into the field have worked in government, legislative consulting, business management, finance and linguistics, as well as domestic and international education.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Award-Winning Moot Court and Model United Nations Teams:** Students get the thrill of competition alongside friends on these teams, which have traveled to New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and more.
- **Pre-law program:** Students receive individual career advising and application support from an experienced attorney and pre-law advisor.
- **Pi Sigma Alpha:** The college hosts a chapter of the national political science honor society.
- **Franklin College Across the Aisle:** This student organization fosters dialogue, promotes civic action and helps students find common ground and build bonds across the political spectrum.
- **Department contact information:** Learn more at FranklinCollege.edu/political-science or contact Chair of Political Science Dr. Randall Smith at 317.738.8562 or rsmith3@FranklinCollege.edu.