



University of New Hampshire
College of Liberal Arts



POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEGREE OPTIONS

Political Science, B.A.

Political Science five-year B.A./accelerated master's program

Political science gives you the conceptual tools to understand pressing questions in today's world. How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected countries differently? Why is American politics so partisan? How do we grapple with systemic inequality and racism? Why do some countries democratize and others stay locked in authoritarianism? In the political science degree program at UNH, you will study power, institutions and policy making at the local, national and global levels. From local grass-roots movements to interstate wars, political action and institutions affect our societies and our everyday lives. As a major, you will study the institutions, practices and ideas that shape international, comparative and American politics.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Internships such as the Concord Internship in the New Hampshire State Senate, House or Governor's Office; and The Washington Center Internship in the nation's capital

Competitive student activities through Model United Nations and Mock Trial

Front-row seat for New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary events

Study and employment opportunities at the UNH Survey Center, a nationally-renowned polling center on campus

TOPICS YOU MAY STUDY

American presidency

Politics of crime and justice

Comparative identity politics

Global environmental politics

Politics of China

Politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India

Politics of markets

Security and intelligence

Politics of poverty



“Political science teaches you to think in a way that is both critical and self-reflective. It ranges from picking apart the minute details of how we relate to and interact with our community to encompassing the broader picture of how these interactions and relationships shape our reality. Therefore, it refines the ability to deal with both the concrete and the abstract, and to make meaningful connections between the two. These are skills that are valuable and applicable in any field.”

— RORY O'NEIL '20

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AMONG YOUR POTENTIAL
CAREERS ARE:**

Business executive

Civil Servant

Counterintelligence officer

Diplomat

Human rights advocate

Journalist

Lawyer

Nonprofit organization director

Political strategist

Politician

Public relations specialist

Think tank researcher