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

AS A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, 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

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