

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science is the study of politics, power and governance—in theory and in practice—in the United States and abroad. It equips students with an understanding of **political systems, ideologies, policies, processes and behaviors**, and prepares them for careers in business, government, law and nonprofits.

DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- **Flexible Options.** In addition to the conventional academic paths, students can get a headstart on their Master's with the Accelerated BA/MA program or attend law school with the dual JD/MA program.
- **Award-Winning Faculty.** The department's faculty has been recognized for outstanding contributions in research, teaching and service.
- **Practical Learning.** Students have several options for hands-on learning, including legislative internships in local, state and federal government.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

- POLS 1030 American Government
- POLS 4101 Political Statistics

Electives

- POLS 1102 Intro to Modern Political Thought
- POLS 3217 The Political Media
- POLS 3222 Politics, Race and Cinema
- POLS 3311 Global Politics and Sports
- POLS 3506 American Foreign Policy
- POLS 4315 Revolution & Political Violence

DEGREE OPTIONS

- BA in Political Science*
 - Honors in Political Science
- Minor in Political Science
- Accelerated BA/MA in Political Science
- MA in Political Science
- Dual JD/MA in Political Science

MAJOR SUBFIELDS

- American Government & Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Political Theory

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Internships
 - Urban Fellows Program | Memphis
 - Legislative Internship | Nashville
 - TWC Internship | Washington, D.C.
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society
- Study Abroad

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MAJOR FACT SHEET

BY THE NUMBERS (Spring 2024)

Student Enrollment



Number of Minors

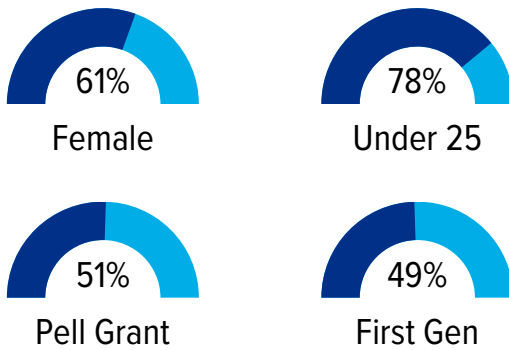


WHO YOU ARE

Personality

- Conscientious
- Curious
- Idealistic
- Investigative
- Organized
- Open-Minded

Student Demographics



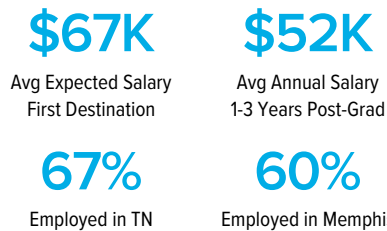
Degrees Awarded



Interests & Hobbies

- Debate
- History
- News & Journalism
- Politics
- Public Policy
- Social Issues

Career Outcomes[‡]

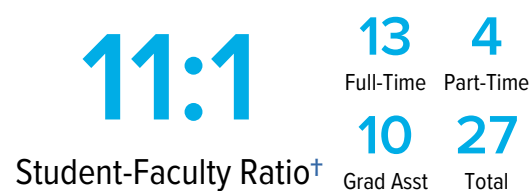


WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Core Skills

- Analytical Techniques
- Data & Systems Analysis
- Policy Evaluation
- Project Management
- Research Design
- Strategy Development

Faculty Employed



TN Employment Outlook



CAREER OPTIONS

Job Titles

- Attorney
- Campaign Manager
- City Manager
- Foreign Service Officer
- Journalist
- Lobbyist
- Policy Analyst
- Political Consultant
- Public Relations Manager
- Urban & Regional Planner

Industries

- Consulting
- Government
- Journalism
- Law & Advocacy
- Nonprofit

Transferable Skills

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Decision Making
- Effective Communication
- Leadership
- Public Speaking

^{*} Online degree options are available for the specified programs through UofM Global.

[†] Calculated based on the number of student majors and the number of full-time faculty.

[‡] Based on self-reported post-graduation outcomes of UofM students who have earned a Bachelor's degree in the last ten years.