



POLITICAL SCIENCE

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THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE



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“The degree I received from Franklin Pierce helped me acquire a job within the legal field because it gave me a background on how our governmental systems work. These skills are crucial while working in a law firm because in order to study cases and service our clients, the fundamentals are the most important.”

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Franklin Pierce University
College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

As a Political Science major at Franklin Pierce, you'll build skills, connections and experience for a career in law, government, politics, education or business. You'll study American politics and law, global security and diplomacy, and the political processes of foreign nations. Our connections to the political scene have always been strong, and our nationally recognized Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communications provides opportunities for students to dive in to the campaign for the Oval Office that begins in this first-in-the-nation primary state.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

You will learn core concepts in political science and develop critical-thinking skills, as you identify key questions, gather information and analyze arguments to participate as an engaged citizen in public life or government.

Our graduates are prepared for a J.D., Master's or Ph.D. level program in the fields of law, public policy, political management, public administration, international relations, or homeland security.



NATALIE HAMILTON '19

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COURSES

Major Requirements In addition to all graduation requirements, the following courses must be completed successfully to fulfill the major requirements:

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (3 credits)

PO110 Political Violence OR

PO111 Politics and Popular Culture

METHODOLOGY (3 credits)

PO200 Political Science Research Methods

FOUNDATIONS (15 credits)

PO201 U.S. Government

PO205 International Relations

PO206 Comparative Politics

PA210 Political Theory

HS2__ History Survey: Any HS200-level, except HS210

APPLIED LEARNING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (12 credits)

AMERICAN POLITICS

PO321 Constitutional Law/Moot Court

PO322 Campaigns, Elections, and the Policy Process

GLOBAL/INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

PO330 Global Security and Diplomacy

PO331 Prosperity and Freedom in the World

CAPSTONE (3 credits)

PO410 Senior Seminar

WHERE CAN MY MAJOR LEAD ME?

With your degree, you can pursue jobs or further education for careers as diverse as:

Campaign Manager

Congressional

Representative

FBI Agent

Human Rights Advocate

Intelligence Analyst

Lawyer

Legislative Aide

News Analyst/Reporter

Police Officer

Policy Analyst

Politician

WHO SHOULD MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE?

You'll find this major a good fit if you have or want to develop:

- Interest in world affairs, government and contemporary politics
- Passion for public service
- Self-confidence and leadership abilities
- Ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds
- Strong research, writing, and data analysis skills

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

You can gain valuable experience through opportunities at Franklin Pierce to:

- Get involved in Student Government Association, and run for office
- Become a Peer Leader or member of the Judicial Board
- Canvass for local, state and national candidates
- Work with Boston Herald pollsters and journalists through Pierce Media Group
- Participate in Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society

Students can apply for the Washington Center Internship Program in Washington, D.C. Recent internship placements include the White House, U.S. Department of State and Federal Bureau of Investigation.