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COLLEGE

Political Science

The Department of Political Science provides students with the essential skills and knowledge for a successful career in political science or a related field, including academia, government, law, or international affairs. Students also master a specific core of discipline-based knowledge and an understanding of their civic responsibilities in a global community. The department provides faculty mentoring through academic advisement as well as through career counseling and exposing our students to practical political experience. A Political Science major requires 10 courses and one capstone experience in the form of a directed independent study, a field experience, or a 400-level seminar. The Pre-Law Program also is associated with this department.

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Major Requirements

Ten courses, with the distribution as follows:

POL 110 Origins of American Government

POL 111 Processes of American
Government

POL 120 World Politics

Three courses at the 300 level or above, one
course each from:

American Government/
Public Policy International/
Comparative Politics

Normative/Empirical Theory

Three Electives

One Capstone Experience chosen from the
following:

POL 410 Seminar-American Politics-
Public Policy

POL 420 Seminar-International Relations-
Comparative Politics

POL 450 Field Experience

POL 500, 501 Independent Study

Minor Requirements

Currently the Political Science major does
not offer a minor. Yet, majors are encouraged
to pursue minors in cognate fields.

Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Research and Internships

- Federal and State Legislatures
- Federal, State and County Courthouses
- Law Offices
- Political Parties/Campaigns
- Finnegan Foundation

Careers

- Law
- Government/Public service
- Teaching Profession
- Diplomacy/Security
- Legislative Aid/Administration
- International Organizations

Successful Alumni

- State Supreme Court Justices
- Federal/State Judges
- Federal and State Legislators
- Federal and State Elections Campaign Managers
- High Ranking Military & Security Professionals
- Attorneys

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be
found online in the College catalog.