

# POLITICAL SCIENCE



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**D**uring a political campaign have you noticed that you are constantly bombarded with messages about the candidates? And how come Fox News says one thing but CNBC says the exact opposite? When it comes to politics, you can guarantee that someone is going to tell you what you should think about the candidates and the issues. In order to form your own opinion and not have it formed for you, you must be able to analyze and interpret the issues that we, as a nation, face today. If you are interested in discovering how the political process affects society, then majoring in political science might be for you.

## Political Science at King's

The political science department at King's College strives to make its students sophisticated in the way they think and solve problems facing society. Our students gain a solid background in American government, public administration, public policy and law, along with an introduction

to traditional and contemporary methods of social research. Semester-long research projects help prepare students for law school, graduate studies, and research-intensive careers. Practical experience is encouraged through internships at government offices located in the area or through semester-long intern programs in government offices in Washington, D.C. or Harrisburg, Pa.

## Pre-Law Program

Many students who major in political science use it as a preparatory degree for law school by choosing to enroll in King's pre-law program. Pre-Law faculty will develop a curriculum that reflects personal interests, advise students about the legal profession and prepare you for law school entrance requirements and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).

## Careers

While many political science majors pursue careers in law, there are

many paths available. Political science majors may find careers in government agencies as intelligence analysts or foreign service officers or in public service, either as elected politicians, campaign managers or support staffers. With their strong communication and analytical skills, private industry seeks political science majors for positions in management, marketing and public relations.

## Placement Highlights

Many of our political science graduates have flourished in the workforce or graduate school. Examples include:

- Boston University, Villanova, Case Western and Syracuse Law Schools
- Catholic University, graduate studies
- PA House of Representatives, research analyst
- PA Auditor General's Office, public assistant
- Nativity Preparatory School, teacher

To learn more about majoring in Political Science at King's College, please contact the Office of Admission at 1-888-KINGS PA or [admissions@kings.edu](mailto:admissions@kings.edu).

# Political Science (121 Credit Hours - General Track)

## Suggested Sequence

- Use the information below as a guide when selecting courses.
- Consult your Academic Advisor prior to course registration.
- Refer to the King's College Catalog and/or website for course titles and descriptions.
- Choose one course from each CORE category as listed for Political Science Majors
  - CORE courses may be taken in any order approved by the academic advisor with the following conditions:
    - CORE 100 and CORE 110 should be taken in the first year.
    - CORE 115 (or 116) should be taken within the first two years.
    - For students selecting a Foreign Language (CORE 14x), every effort should be made to register for that language in the first semester at King's.

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - Fall		cr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year - Spring		cr.
CORE 188 OR CORE 158		3	CORE 153 Principles of Economics: Macro		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE 090 First Year Experience		1			
		16			15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year – Fall			2 <sup>nd</sup> Year – Spring		
PS 231 American Intergovernmental Relations		3	PS 271 International Relations		3
PS Category I OR PS Elective		3	PS Category II OR PS Elective		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
		15			15
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year – Fall			3 <sup>rd</sup> Year – Spring		
PS 321 Political Research		3	PS Category III OR PS Elective		3
PS Category IV OR PS Elective		3	Political Science Elective		3
CORE		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
		15			15
4 <sup>th</sup> Year – Fall			4 <sup>th</sup> Year – Spring		
PS 499 Political Science Internship		3	PS 493 Senior Seminar		3
Political Science Elective		3	Political Science Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
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Total Credits Required for Graduation = 121					