

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The study of politics and government has been practiced for centuries, one of the oldest and most foundational human pursuits. Politics includes dramatic and globally transformative events—wars, civil rights marches, elections—but also the day-to-day interactions of individuals in the public space. In sum, Political Science is the study of power in global institutions, states, and societies; it's the analysis of government policies and how they came about; it's the research on political behavior and the influences on that behavior.

Political Science at King's

The Department of Political Science at King's College engages with politics and government in multiple ways in order to prepare our students for meaningful and purposeful lives. We strive to make students sophisticated and responsible thinkers and problem-solvers. In the classroom, we expose students to theories and concepts in courses in four subfields: American Government, International Relations, Political Theory and Comparative Politics. Beyond the classroom, we support conference presentations, study-abroad experiences, and student-based clubs that focus on political issues. Semester-long research projects help prepare students for law school, graduate studies, or research-intensive careers; practical experience is encouraged through internships with elected officials, government offices, the courthouse, policy centers, and law firms, 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 engage with King's pre-law program. Pre-law faculty support a curriculum that reflects personal interests, advise students about the legal profession and prepare students 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 other paths available. Political Science majors may find careers in government agencies as intelligence analysts or foreign service officers, or go into public service as elected politicians, campaign managers or support staffers. With strong communication and analytical skills, private industry seeks political

science majors for positions in management, marketing, and public relations.

Placement Highlights

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

- Boston University, Georgetown, Villanova, and Syracuse Law Schools
- Catholic University, Rutgers, and American University Graduate Schools
- PA House of Representatives: legislative aides and research analysts
- Peace Corps: Kyrgyzstan
- CNN International Newsource: content producer
- US Government Accountability Office: senior analyst
- United States Marine Corp: operational manager
- Federal Reserve System - Office of Legal Counsel

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.

Political Science (120 Credit Hours - General Track)

Suggested Sequence

A suggested course sequence of degree requirements is listed below. Refer to the college catalog for course titles, descriptions, and prerequisites. Always consult your Academic Advisor when planning and scheduling your classes.

1 st Year - Fall		cr.	1 st Year - Spring		cr.
PS 101 Introduction to American Government		3	ECON 111 Introduction to Macroeconomics		3
CSEM 100 or ENGL 110		3	CSEM 100 or ENGL 110		3
MATH 120 or COMM 101		3	MATH 120 or COMM 101		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
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HCE 101 Holy Cross Experience		1			
		16			15
2 nd Year – Fall			2 nd Year – Spring		
PS 231 American Intergovernmental Relations		3	PS Category I - Political Theory I or II		3
PS 271 International Relations		3	PS Category II - Comparative Pol Systems or Comparative Latin America		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
		15			15
3 rd Year – Fall			3 rd Year – Spring		
PS 321 Political Research		3	PS Category III - Policymaking or Environmental Policy		3
PS Category IV - Constitutional Law I or II		3	PS Elective		3
Core Course		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
		15			15
4 th Year – Fall			4 th Year – Spring		
PS 499 Political Science Internship		3	PS 493 Senior Seminar		3
PS Elective		3	PS Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3	Free Elective		2-3
		15			14-15
Total Credits Required for Graduation = 120					