Major in Political Science

Housed in the Department of Government & Sociology, the political science degree is designed to give students an understanding of politics and government as well as the roles that groups and individuals play in the political and governmental systems. Students will leave this major prepared to enter the workforce in public service systems at the international, federal, state, or local levels. In addition, students will be prepared for graduate or professional level education in a wide variety of fields including law, criminal justice, public policy, public administration, political science, and much more. The department aims to lead students to a path of self-discovery as an active citizen in an ever-evolving world.

Develop Skills

- written communication
- logical reasoning
- research
- speaking
- critical thinking
- civic engagement
- problem-solving
- research
- interpersonal
- relationship building
- critical thinking
- morality
- logical reasoning
- research
- oral communication
- critical thinking
- speaking
- problem solving
- ethics
- active citizenship
- leadership
- communication
- relationship building
- public
- speaking
- active citizenship
- logical reasoning
- interpersonal
- life-long learning
- oral communication

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

- Government Administrator
- Policy Analyst
- Criminal Justice Administrator
- Lawyer
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Foreign Service Director
- Teacher
- Public Servant
- Urban Planner
- Non-profit Program Coordinator
- Legislative Assistant
- Social Media Manager
- Campaign Manager
- News Producer
- Professor
- Research Analyst
- Communications Director
- Journalist
- Public Relations Director
- Historian
- Attorney
- Economist

...the possibilities are endless.
Explore and Engage with Political Science

- Participate in undergraduate research
- Apply for the Crime Analytics REU at UNC in Charlotte, NC
- Ask faculty about the GC in DC program
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Join Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society
- Explore the College Democrats of America or the College Republicans organizations
- Join the Mock Trial Team
- Connect with alumni via LinkedIn

Top employers at GC for Political Science majors

- Georgia Department of Corrections
- Green Infrastructure Leadership Exchange
- Office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio
- Foundation for Economic Education

Considering adding a Minor?
These minors can complement the Political Science major

- Criminal Justice
- Sociology
- Environmental Science
- Anthropology

Mean Starting Salary for Political Science majors

$45,953*

*based on NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2020

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