

## **Political Science**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Political Science program is to foster in our students comprehensive understanding of politics and governance, while promoting the ability of our faculty to contribute to the development of knowledge in their fields through research, presentation, and publication.

### **Program Goals**

- To provide students with the ability to conceptualize and contextualize political issues
- To provide students with the ability to understand the structures and dynamics of political life
- To provide students with the ability to pursue new knowledge regarding politics and government
- To provide students with the skills of citizenship
- To develop new knowledge in the discipline of political science and to disseminate such knowledge through publication and participation in scholarly meetings

### **Student Learning Objectives**

- Students have an appropriate working knowledge of the scope and methods of political science
- Students have a sound and appropriately comprehensive knowledge of political institutions and dynamics in the United States
- Students have a sound and appropriately comprehensive knowledge of global and comparative political institutions and dynamics
- Students have a sound and appropriately comprehensive knowledge of the history of political thought and its key concepts
- Students are able to successfully analyze complex issues and problems
- Students are able to successfully analyze complex texts and arguments
- Students are able to successfully design and conduct research projects in political science
- Students are able to successfully formulate and evaluate policy options