

# Political Science | Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Science • Minors

You don't have to be "in politics" to be affected by politics. Health care, the environment, free speech, human rights — all of these are political issues that can be deeply and profoundly personal. We're all part of the political process. Every voter, every future voter, every taxpayer, and every citizen. We live with the laws, and sometimes complain about the government. And some of us will even step up to the challenge of a free society by working to change laws or make new ones.

## PROGRAM FEATURES

Southern's political science majors immerse themselves in the study of government, public policy, and political culture. Along the way they sharpen their skills in writing, communication, and complex analysis. Many work side-by-side with legislators and policy-makers as interns at the state legislature in Hartford, in the U.S. Congress in Washington, or at prestigious public policy agencies or worldwide organizations like Amnesty International.

**Political Science, B.A.** | The B.A. program provides students broad exposure to the discipline of political science. Students must take courses in all 4 major sub-fields of the discipline: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory. The breadth of the major is good preparation for students interested in graduate programs in the discipline. It also prepares students for careers in government and politics as well as those requiring a grounding in liberal arts.

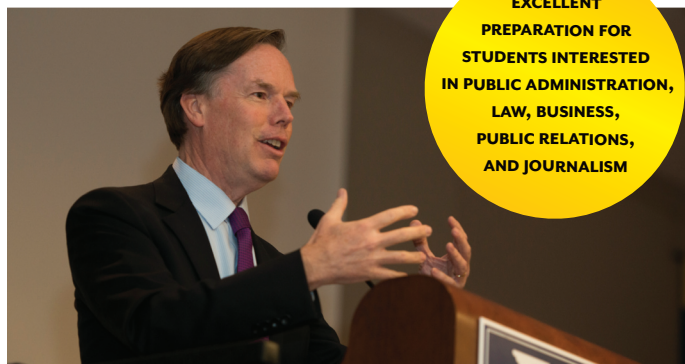
**Political Science, B.S.** | This program is designed to combine traditional instruction in the discipline with a strong emphasis on the more applied, practical, or quantified approaches to the study of politics at all levels: local, national, and international. Accordingly, in addition to regular course work, the program requires successful completion of an internship and to take a course in quantitative analysis.

**Political Science 7-12, B.S.** | This program provides students the training needed to teach the social sciences and history to students in 7th to 12th grades. Students will complete 30 credits in Political Science and 18 credits in history.

**Minor in Political Science** | The minor in Political Science is ideal for someone who wants to improve their ability to deal with the institutions and actors of government. This minor also dovetails with any major that may require a student to interface with politics. Our minor provides the flexibility needed for each student to focus on the areas or issues that best fits their academic, intellectual and career needs.

**Minor in Urban Affairs** | Urban Affairs can be especially insightful for nonprofit and public sector careers from think tanks to municipal halls. Students are able to learn about more about urban concerns economically and politically. Minor in Urban Affairs allows you to gain more knowledge in community issues, local politics and social problems. Students complete courses in political science, economics, history, sociology, environmental studies and geography.

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PREPARATION FOR  
STUDENTS INTERESTED  
IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,  
LAW, BUSINESS,  
PUBLIC RELATIONS,  
AND JOURNALISM



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Political science prepares the student for careers in government service, business and finance, teaching, law, the mass media, international affairs, data analysis, and organizations advocating public policy. A study by Georgetown's Center for Education and the Workforce found that political science majors earn above the median income for all college majors, and are second in earnings only to economists in the social sciences.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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