Political science students have the opportunity to access a large university’s resources while experiencing a liberal arts education: close engagement with their professors and peers, and a course of study focused on civic involvement and the human condition. Our award–winning faculty brings their rich and diverse scholarship into the classroom, engaging students in questions of ethics, power, identity, representation, policy, law, and governance.

**CURRICULUM OPTIONS**

**International Relations**
Includes the evolution of our international system and the structures, substance and context of contemporary world politics, including investigation of war and peace, international law, human rights, and international political economy.

**Policy and Analysis**
Emphasizes the skills required to analyze the impact of public decisions and knowledge of the major political and strategic processes of policy development and implementation.

**Political Institutions**
Explores the foundations of our government and the political institutions of the United States, including political parties, campaigns and elections, legislative processes and the Presidency, constitutional law, and the influence of the media in politics.

**Political Theory**
Raises questions about factors crucial to our lives as individuals and in community, such as authority and justice; law, liberty, and political obligation; human nature and the need for order, as well as the demand for legitimate institutions to ensure it; and political and ethical responsibility.

**RESOURCES & FACILITIES**

We offer a truly unique learning environment. Our students learn to analyze, interpret, and explain political phenomena through the lens of, and with the methods of, a political scientist. Our integrated curriculum challenges students to develop their critical thinking, communication, and research skills, preparing our graduates for citizenship and leadership, post-graduate study, and diverse employment opportunities.

As a political science major, you will construct an individualized program of study drawing on our four curriculum subfields, internship program, complementary minors, and opportunities to study abroad.

Political science student Garrett Lankford served as the ASMSU student lobbyist during the 2015 legislative session.

Professor Elizabeth Shanahan’s work on narratives and their impact on public policy processes is garnering international recognition.
We offer students many ways to learn. In our internship program, students put knowledge into action in a wide array of settings, including government, civil society, law offices, and the private sector. Students in our Model United Nations class, team and club compete in mock UN settings, mastering research and debate skills. Our student club, the Political Theory Consortium, and our Pizza and Politics Speakers Series, engage students in timely issues. Our new social science research lab, the HELPS Lab, offers students training in research methods while gaining work experience. And, last but not least, our British politics course involves extended travel in Great Britain.

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