Political Science

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Political science teaches the art and science of politics in the United States and throughout the world. Experiential opportunities include a seven-week summer program at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, and internships at the White House or in the British Parliament. Majors may write opinion pieces for a student political journal or participate in one of the top Model NATO League teams in the United States. Political science is a discipline and a subject of study that has worldwide applications and exciting and experiential job opportunities. Politics matter wherever there are groups of people trying to get things done.

Political science majors start their journey with core courses on American government, comparative politics, international relations, and research methods. After that, students choose from a wide variety of courses on specific topics from international security to legal studies to public policy.

Political science co-ops include responsible positions in local, state, and federal government agencies; law firms; nonprofit institutions; and corporations. Many students complete either a co-op position or an internship with a congressional representative, a senator, a governor or other elected public officials, or at an international organization or nonprofit.

Political science students are among the most active on campus through extracurricular programs designed to expand their leadership ability including the Political Science Student Association, International Relations Council, Pi Sigma Alpha honor society, Model United Nations, Model Arab League, Model NATO, student government, College Democrats and Republicans, and other student groups. With these experiences on their resumés, students are prepared to succeed in law school; graduate school; careers in government and the nonprofit sector; as well as in teaching, journalism, legislative or lobbying positions, public relations activities, and work in international corporations and nongovernmental organizations.

Academic Progression Standards

Same as universitywide standards described under “Academic Status (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status).”

PlusOne Program (MA) in Political Science

Political science majors at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year may qualify for application to the PlusOne program that combines the BA with the master’s degree in political science. Students interested in this option should consult with the departmental graduate coordinator.

Programs

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- Africana Studies and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/cultures-societies-global-studies/africana-studies-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- English and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/english/english-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- Environmental Studies and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/marine-environmental/environmental-studies-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- History and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/history/history-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- Journalism and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/journalism/journalism-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- Media and Screen Studies and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-design/communication-studies/media-screen-studies-political-science-ba/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Communication Studies (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-communication-studies-ba/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Economics (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-economics-ba/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Human Services (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-human-services-ba/) (Boston)

- Political Science and International Affairs (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-international-affairs-ba/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Philosophy (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-philosophy-ba/) (Boston)
- Sociology and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/sociology-anthropology/sociology-political-science-ba/) (Boston)

Bachelor of Science (BS)

- Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-bs/) (Boston)
- Biology and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/biology/biology-political-science-bs/) (Boston)
- Computer Science and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-political-science-bs/) (Boston)
- Computer Science and Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/computer-information-science/computer-information-science-combined-majors/computer-science-politics-philosophy-economics-bs/) (Boston)
- Criminal Justice and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-political-science-bs/) (Boston)
- Mathematics and Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/science/mathematics/mathematics-political-science-bs/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Business Administration (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-business-administration-bs/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Communication Studies (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-communication-studies-bs/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Economics (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-economics-bs/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Human Services (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-human-services-bs/) (Boston)
- Political Science and Philosophy (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-philosophy-bs/) (Boston)
- Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/interdisciplinary/politics-philosophy-economics-bs/) (Boston)

Minors

- Political Science (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/political-science-minor/)
- American Political Institutions (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/american-political-institutions-minor/)
- International Security Studies (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/political-science/international-security-studies-minor/)

Accelerated Programs

See Accelerated Bachelor/Graduate Degree Programs (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/accelerated-bachelor-graduate-degree-programs/#programstext)