

# Political Science



WASHINGTON  
& JEFFERSON  
COLLEGE

The Political Science department recognizes the importance of a discipline-based education within a strong liberal arts tradition. Specifically, the department seeks to impart to our students the **essential skills and knowledge for a successful career** in a political science-related field, such as **academia, government, law, or international affairs**. Students also master a specific core of discipline-based knowledge and an understanding of their **civic responsibilities in a global community**. The department provides faculty mentoring not only through academic advising but also through **career counseling** and exposing our students to **practical political experience**.

## Major Requirements

Ten courses, with the distribution as follows:

Processes of American Government (POL 111)

World Politics (POL 120)

Three courses at the 300-level or above, one course each from:

- American Government/Public Policy
- International/Comparative Politics
- Normative/Empirical Theory

Four Electives

One Capstone Experience chosen from the following:

- 400-level seminar
- Field Experience (POL 450)
- Independent Study (POL 500/501)

## Minor Requirements

Processes of American Government (POL 111)

World Politics (POL 120)

One course at the 200-level

Two courses at the 300-level or above

## 300-Level Courses

Modern State: Health Care Politics (POL 302)

Public Administration (POL 310)

Women and Politics (POL 311)

Women and Politics II (POL 312)

The American Presidency (POL 314)

The Legislative Process (POL 315)

International Politics (POL 320)

International Law (POL 321)

International Political Economy (POL 322)

Comparative Politics (POL 330)

Research Methods (POL 340)

Political Thought-Modern (POL 342)

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# Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

## Research and Internships

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- Federal and State Legislatures
- Federal, State, and County Courthouses
- Law Offices
- Political Parties/Campaigns
- Finnegan Foundation

## Careers

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- Law
- Government/Public Service
- Teaching Profession
- Diplomacy/Security
- Legislative Aid/Administration
- International Organizations

## Alumni Achievements

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- State Supreme Court Justices
- Federal and State Judges
- Federal and State Legislators
- Federal and State Elections Campaign Managers
- High-Ranking Military and Security Professionals
- Attorneys



Program Website

[washjeff.edu/political-science](http://washjeff.edu/political-science)

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.