

POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

REQUIRED COURSES

POLS 1020 Introduction to American Politics
POLS 1200 Introduction to International Relations
POLS 2760 Applied Social Statistics
POLS 3010 Research Design
POLS 4952 Senior Seminar

CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY AND LEADERSHIP

Choose any five courses:

POLS 1070 Introduction to Diversity and Equality
POLS 2800 Campaigns and Elections
POLS 2970 Special Topics
POLS 3030 State and Local Government
POLS 3100 Education Policy and Politics
POLS 3400 Introduction to Public Administration
POLS 3440 Race and Public Policy
POLS 3500 Public Policymaking
POLS 3510 Congress and the Presidency
POLS 3710 Nonprofit Administration
POLS 3970 Special Topics
POLS 4800 Public Sector Leadership
POLS 4924 Internship
POLS 4970 Special Topics

CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Choose any five courses:

POLS 2970 Special Topics
POLS 3280 Power and Wealth in World Politics
POLS 3450 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 3970 Special Topics
POLS 4220 American Foreign Policy
POLS 4250 War and Peace
POLS 4660 Democracy and Democratization
POLS 4850 Psychology of War Crimes & Genocide
POLS 4870 Psychology of Terrorism
POLS 4924 Internship
POLS 4970 Special Topics

ELECTIVE OPTION

Those not pursuing a concentration can take any five elective courses being offered.



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MAJORING IN

Political Science

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
AT MONTGOMERY

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Studying political science at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) will train you in skills adaptable to a rapidly-changing job market. You will gain valuable skills such as the ability to think analytically, communicate persuasively, analyze and present data, and make policy recommendations. Our courses provide an understanding of the forces that shape the lives of citizens in the United States and around the world. Our course schedules allow students to pick formats that best fit their schedules, with courses offered both on campus and online.

PUT YOUR DEGREE TO WORK

Political Science majors can pursue a range of careers. Our recent graduates provide evidence of some of the possibilities including:

- Mayor of Talladega, Alabama
- Television reporter
- Public opinion analyst for a leading polling company
- Outreach coordinator for a local nonprofit working for legislation beneficial to Alabama's children
- Master's degree candidate in Community and Regional Development, University of Texas
- Law student, University of Kentucky Law School and Faulkner University's Jones School of Law
- Doctoral candidate, Department of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia

POINTS OF PRIDE

- **Small Classes:** Provides the opportunity to work closely with professors and classmates.
- **Internship Opportunities:** Being close to the State Capitol allows students to complement their courses with internships at state agencies, the legislature, and nonprofits among others.
- **Faculty Expertise:** Faculty bring diverse perspectives, experiences, and research areas into the classroom.
- **Experiential Learning:** Students can participate through service-learning projects in their classes.
- **Senior Capstone:** The major culminates with a senior seminar in which students research a topic of their interest in-depth.
- **Scholarships:** Generous, merit-based scholarships are available for Political Science majors.



Political Science is a versatile degree that can be applied in many professional areas.



ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

"The Political Science Department is one of the best departments at AUM. The professors are top notch and I was always able to engage my professors and tailor my course of study to best meet my future career goals."

Kasey Badger, 2021

"Studying political science at AUM gave me the opportunity to network with political leaders in Alabama, and that has proven crucial to my success post-undergrad! My professors at AUM encouraged me to pursue my passion."

Timothy Ragland, 2021

"I'm eternally grateful that I studied political science at AUM. The faculty are wonderful and supportive; the curriculum is engaging and informative; and the opportunities that come with studying in Alabama's capital city are invaluable."

Victoria Byrne, 2021

