



Because its effects are so immediately felt, political science is a field that's often dramatized. But as television shows glorify leadership positions and the power that seems to come with them, they often miss the depth and importance of understanding organized government at a systemic level. Political scientists are those who know how to evaluate power divisions and societal constructs that will have lasting effects on citizens and systems around the world. At Loyno, you'll develop a deep understanding of politics—how leadership is organized, what consequences come of global political action, and how political change affects our everyday lives. And with that understanding, we hope you'll be one of the people who can help predict what's coming next—and who can, whether through research, action, or leadership, keep our systems working for us.

This is the place.

New Orleans is rich with political history. The past decade will merit study for years to come, as our system has had to work for its people through a major rebirth. The reconstruction of our city's infrastructure has depended on the knowledge and ability of our political scientists—those who understand the implications of new programs and structures on our economy and our livelihood. We need those experts still, and this is the perfect place to become one.

Loyno is committed to the Jesuit value of experiential learning. You'll be charged not just with evaluating systemic ideas on a conceptual level but also with applying those ideas in a variety of situations and environments. Spend a semester at our nation's capital in our Washington Semester Program, or study political science abroad in places like China, Brazil, Ireland, or Turkey. Network with peers in Pi Sigma Alpha honor society; take an internship for course credit. At Loyola, we're all about learning by doing.

Courses

In addition to a political science core, you will complete a capstone research project and select elective courses that tailor the program to your goals and interests. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Introduction to American Government

Structure, development, powers, and limits of the federal government are discussed.

Comparative Government I

The first half of the course explores the concepts, theories, and approaches of comparative politics. The second half analyzes the domestic politics of Great Britain, France, and Germany with a focus on how historical development has impacted the development of current political, cultural, and economic institutions.

History of Political Thought I

This course approaches the development of political thought from a traditional view, employing cultural and intellectual history and traditional philosophy to review the social, historical, and political contexts of thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli, and others.

Constitutional Law I

Discussions include the origins of constitutionalism and the framing of the U.S. Constitution; nature and scope of judicial review; sources and nature of legislative and executive power; the commerce power and state power to regulate; and introduction to 14th Amendment due process.

International Relations

This is a comprehensive, systematic study of fundamental principles that govern international politics.