Political Science
College of Arts + Sciences

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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.

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• Political consultant
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