

POLITICAL SCIENCE



Political science to law and graduate school

In recent years, department alumni have advanced to law school at prestigious institutions, such as:

- American University
- Catholic University
- Duke University
- George Washington University
- Northeastern University
- Syracuse University
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of Denver
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of South Carolina
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University



Focused curriculum

Our challenging major prepares students to make an immediate impact in the professional world and to pursue specialized graduate training. The program's seminars for beginning majors emphasize how political scientists think about and propose solutions to important social, economic and political problems. Advanced majors choose from an intriguing mix of courses on the American political system, international politics and the research methods that social scientists use to explain and change the world around them. Many courses emphasize hands-on, project-focused learning, and during their final year, all majors complete a capstone experience that involves either a semester-long political internship or writing a substantial research thesis. The curriculum provides flexibility for students to complete a second major, study-abroad term, or a term-long internship with a political campaign, interest group or elected official.

Why should I major in political science at HPU?

- Build the skills and versatility to excel in public, private, or nonprofit sector professional settings
- Develop the critical research, writing and analytical skills to enter and thrive in top law and graduate programs
- Form lifetime bonds with a caring faculty of scholars who are committed to mentoring students throughout their undergraduate education and beyond
- Gain the experience, connections and skills to practice, engage and make a difference in politics

What can I do with this major?

Many of our alumni go onto graduate or law school, while others go directly into professional careers across a wide range of areas, including electoral and advocacy campaigns, government service, legal affairs, policy analysis and other fields that require well-honed leadership, critical thinking and communication skills.

Recent alumni have accepted positions as:

- Capitol Hill House and Senate Staffers
- Federal, state, and local government officials
- High School Instructors
- Staff for advocacy organizations and lobbying firms
- Managers in Political Strategy Firms
- Officers in the Armed Forces
- Public policy and political consultants
- Public Opinion Analysts
- Risk Analysts for Wall Street and International Firms

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Where are our graduates?

- Pursuing graduate degrees in law, political science, political communications, public policy, public administration, international relations and economics
- Serving with AmeriCorps and Peace Corps
- Serving in the military
- Working as staff members in executive, legislative, and judicial offices
- Working on Wall Street as investment bank analysts
- Directing large non-profit organizations
- Directing new media public relations for a large television network
- Becoming members of state assemblies



Meet Will

Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

Major: Political Science

Minor: History

Clubs: National Society of Leadership and Success, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Presidential Scholar, Millis Scholar Athlete, Big South Conference All-Academic Team, Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

Sport Involvement: Left-handed pitcher for HPU D1 baseball team

Future Plans: Going to Michigan State Law School in the fall

Why I Chose HPU: "I chose HPU for multiple reasons. First, the political science faculty showed a true commitment and passion for the discipline of study and that they care about their students. From the first day I talked to them, I knew that they would help me succeed and go on to a competitive law program. Finally, when the baseball coaches recruited me to HPU, I knew that they would truly allow me to excel on the field as well as in the classroom."



Getting involved

There are more than 100 campus clubs, jobs, and organizations to get involved in. Some pertaining to political science interests include:

- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- HPU Poll in the Survey Research Center
- Model United Nations
- Student Justices on Honor and Conduct Courts
- Pre-Law Advising

For more information about HPU's Political Science Program, contact: