



B.A. in Political Science

A Comprehensive Major

Students are introduced to the field of political science through required courses in all four traditional subfields during their first two years and a course in methodology in their junior year. (See www.sbu.edu/polisci for a complete list of major requirements.)

As they move toward graduation and future careers or graduate study, our majors develop grounding in the discipline that allows them to specialize in areas such as:

- American and comparative politics
- law and society
- public policy
- international relations
- political theory

Faculty encourage independent student research. Students complete and present a capstone research project during their final year. **Our students have presented their research** at the New York State Political Science Association annual meeting, the Penn-York Undergraduate Research Conference, and the annual Crossing Borders Conference sponsored by the U.S. and Canadian governments, among others.

Interactive Learning Opportunities

Faculty/student interaction is key to our majors' educational success, both inside and outside the classroom.

All Political Science majors are assigned a permanent faculty adviser who guides them in designing their academic program and provides counseling on future career options and graduate study.

Beyond advisement, students have opportunities to participate in department-sponsored organizations such as Model United Nations club and Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society.

Visit www.sbu.edu/polisci to see what our alumni are doing.

We believe in education beyond the classroom. Students received credit for a course organized around the presidential inauguration and participated in a week's programming in Washington, D.C., and follow-up activities on campus.

Students also participate in Model UN and Mock Trial simulations at other universities, and attend Law Day at Cornell University.

Many of our majors spend a summer or semester term completing an internship in Washington, D.C., or in the state legislature in Albany. Those unable to spend the time off campus are able to intern in the local offices of state senators and assembly members.

Those interested in international relations have spent semesters abroad in popular programs in Ireland and Italy, and as far away as Australia, Argentina, and China.

Careers and Graduate Study

The individualized attention and mentoring provided by faculty and the interactive learning opportunities available on and off campus have prepared our students for future careers and graduate study.



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Our Pre-Law Advisement Program has achieved great success, with **all participating students gaining admission to law school**, the majority receiving academic scholarships.

Recent graduates have attended Cornell University Law School, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, University at Buffalo Law School, University of Richmond Law School, Baylor College of Law, The University of Akron School of Law, Denver College of Law and Boston College of Law.

Other recent graduates have been accepted to Ph.D. programs in political science at the University at Buffalo (SUNY) and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as well as master's programs in international relations and international affairs at Seton Hall University, the Pennsylvania State University, the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M, and University at Albany (SUNY) among others.