**Political Science**

**Political Science is:**
- the study of governments, public policies and political behavior of citizens and elected officials
- multidisciplinary (incorporating elements of law, criminal justice, economics, sociology, statistics, geography, history, and philosophy.)

**Political Science courses explore:**
- American politics, international affairs, comparative politics and political theory
- how power and resources are allocated in society in the United States and other countries
- critical issues such as, globalization, elections, political participation, terrorism, environmental policies, civil rights, economic development, public policy, foreign political systems, and foreign policy

**Political Science Majors develop skills in:**
- research, writing, communication, group project work, and data analysis.
- critical, independent thinking.
- analysis of different political problems, and crafting persuasive, evidence-based arguments.

**Political Science prepares you:**
- for a range of careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, such as: business; law; consulting; local, state and federal government; political data analysis; journalism and communications; international organizations and global trade and finance; polling and campaign management; Human Relations; lobbying; community service; or education.
- for the flexibility in employment that you are likely to encounter in your future career path.
- continuing your studies in law school or graduate school (MA, PhD, MBA, MPA, and MPH among others)
- for participation in community organizations, electoral politics, and movements on behalf of specific policies.

**Experiential Learning Opportunities**

*All Political Science Majors have the opportunity to gain valuable professional skills through the following opportunities:*
- Engaging in a local, state or national internship, many of which come with financial support.
- Participating in the Model United Nations program, traveling to regional, national, and international conferences.
- Writing a Senior Thesis on a political topic of your choice with a faculty mentor.
- Assisting Faculty with research
- Studying Abroad or enrolling in an international travel seminar.

**Additional Opportunities**
- Political Science Club weekly discussion group
- College Democrats and College Republicans
- Pi Sigma Alpha national honors society
- Merit-based scholarships

**Related Programs**
- Law and Public Policy Track (Cohen Honor’s College)
- International Studies field major
- Global Competency Certificate

**General Education Program**

**Well-Rounded Learning**
Wichita State strives to offer the most complete college experience possible to produce well-rounded, successful Shocker graduates. Through general education courses, students explore subjects outside of their major, expanding their knowledge, perspective and skills and making a positive impact on their career and life.

**Benefits of general education courses:**
- Improved critical thinking skills
- Better communication, written and spoken
- Increased analytical reasoning and problem solving
- An acquired knowledge of natural and social science, the arts and humanities

*Improve skills by taking courses that include diversity content, study abroad experiences, service learning and experience-based learning.*
Major Requirements

A major consists of:

- POL S 121
- POL S 220
- POL S 226
- POL S 365
- POL S 600

18 additional hours in selected courses in American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations to be chosen by students.

Minor Requirements

A minor consists of POL S 121 and 12 additional hours, at least six of which must be in upper-division courses.

*Some of the courses listed in Major Requirements will count toward the LAS General Education Requirements.

For more information

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