

Political Science

√ Major

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- Global studies
- Intelligence and security studies
- Pre-law

Description of the major:

Political science is a liberal arts major designed to introduce students to the enduring questions of politics and the institutions and political life of the United States and other regions and countries of the world. The discipline of political science is divided into different sub-fields: political philosophy, American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and public policy and administration. Political science majors may choose to concentrate in domestic politics or global studies.

The student experience:

- Students can participate in both short- and long-term study abroad programs in a variety of countries.
- Students can also participate in the Model U.N., South Carolina Student Legislature, Mock Trial, and visit the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Students can work with the Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy to get hands-on experience with survey and public opinion research and policy analysis research.
- Minors are available in Asian studies, global studies, intelligence and security studies, Latin American studies, Middle Eastern studies, geographic information systems (GIS), and pre-law.
- A political science major is good preparation for a variety of graduate programs and law school. In recent years, Coastal Carolina University political science graduates have been accepted at a variety of prestigious graduate and law schools. Political science majors develop skills that are applicable to many jobs and careers, including government, public service, journalism, business and management.

Beyond the classroom:

Political science majors are prepared for a variety of careers:

- Government (public policy, city management, foreign service, intelligence, law enforcement)
- Law (law firms, private practice, government)
- Politics (legislative or executive, political parties, interest groups, lobbying firms)
- Business (management, public relations, government/legislative liaison)
- Journalism (reporting, editing)
- Education (public schools, colleges/universities)

Areas of study:

- Introduction to world politics
- International relations
- Comparative politics
- American national government
- American political parties
- Introduction to political theory
- Public policy
- The scope of American politics
- Globalization
- Constitutional law

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