

Political Science Program Map

Program Name: Political Science POL AA--Option	Outcomes	POL 101 American Politics	POL 102 State and Local Politics	POL 202 Constitutional Law	POL 204 International Relations	POL 206 Comparative Politics
Program Outcome #1	Critically examine the structures, processes & functions of political institutions.	Thoroughly examine and understand US political institutions, both formal and informal. Focus is on fundamentals of government structure, history and Constitutional framework.	Provide a broad overview of the variety of different political institutions represented in the United States and its territories.	Focus on the US Constitution and its shifting interpretation by the US Supreme Court. Also focus on the balance of power between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.	Explore the role of political institutions as they shape the relationships between sovereign nations and non-state actors internationally.	Systematically examine the causes and consequences of political institutions around the world.
Program Outcome #2	Practice critical thinking and analysis skills as they relate to political discourse.	Regularly examine current events in the US political world,	Explore the diversity of political discourse across the United States.	Focus on the legal reasoning on which US Supreme Court decisions are based.	Explore different cultural norms, historical contexts and institutions to better understand international relations.	Become familiar with standards of deductive reasoning in comparing the outcomes achieved in different political systems.
Program Outcome #3	Become familiar with research methods and standards used in the field of political science.	Introduce students to game theory, polling analysis and other tools of political science.	Examination of similarities and differences across state political systems.	Introduction to rhetorical and legal analysis	Familiarization with dominant themes in the field of International Relations .	Instruction in statistical analysis and game theoretic analysis.