



Do you want to influence your political world?



Political science, international affairs, and American political studies courses examine how we organize our public lives at the local, national, and international levels.

Our focus is on the everyday lives of citizens and the possibilities for, and obstacles to, democratic governance. The department offers a range of courses, and our particular strengths are in environmental politics, political development, and questions of diversity in the political realm.

Degree Programs

With the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, you can choose from three majors:

International Affairs

- Broaden your understanding of the world and international issues and learn about nations and peoples of the world in this interdisciplinary program.
- Build valuable skills in critical thinking, writing, and communication, as well as a foreign language.

American Political Studies

- Gain a thorough understanding of important issues in the United States through this innovative, interdisciplinary program that aims to broaden, and integrate, knowledge of a particular area of American politics.
- Choose an emphasis in administration, American legal systems, cultural diversity, economy and politics, environment, gender, or Native American politics.

Political Science

- Explore how policies and laws affect individuals and understand how government bodies function.
- Build skills you will need in any career—clear communication, writing, independent thinking, research, and analysis.
- Choose courses in areas such as public administration, international relations, diversity, or environmental issues.

Career Opportunities

Study to become a . . . Begin your career in . . .

Diplomat	Business/ international business
Educator	
Lawyer*	Government agencies/civil service
Non-profit administrator	
Policy analyst	Journalism

*Requires additional education

“My experience with the Political Science program at Northern Arizona University was inspiring, confidence building, and life changing. I am leaving the university empowered and prepared for my post-graduate life.”

Elizabeth M., Class of 2007

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Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Deepen your understanding of our rapidly changing world by drawing on our considerable resources and expertise in environmental politics, political development, and the politics of diversity.

Think about the environment

Explore and analyze political aspects of problems in the natural world with our **Environmental Policy** course. You'll study policy responses to the issues surrounding increasing demand on resources and how they impact the human and natural environments.

What happens when nations modernize?

The pace of global economic activity is accelerating. Investigate the political dynamics of nations undergoing rapid social change and economic development in the **Politics of Developing Nations** course. You will focus on problems endemic to the nations of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Experience the Work World

Follow your interests with internships that provide "education by experience." Political science students have interned with legislators in the U.S. Congress and Arizona Legislature; federal agencies including the National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and FBI; foreign and international bodies such as the United Nations and the German Parliament; and interest groups that include the Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Trust, and Friends of Flagstaff's Future. Interested? See our web site for an exciting list of possibilities.

The department receives notices of many opportunities outside of Northern Arizona University. Specifics, eligibility requirements, and contact information are available from the department office or on our web site.

Study Abroad

Experience political systems within another culture. Study abroad for a summer, semester, or academic year in universities across the globe. We work to provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. Students have recently completed semesters in England, Spain, France, Australia, and other nations. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Consider Race, Power, and Politics

The political dynamics of ethnicity are the focus of our **Race, Power, and Politics** course. You will examine the issues from historical, theoretical, comparative, and public-policy perspectives. You'll pay particular attention to the experiences of African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Latinos in the United States.

Participate!

Learn how international relations work and how governments interact through the student-run Model United Nations. Members "solve" international conflict through debate and compromise in simulations of the UN and its committees. MUN members typically attend national or regional conferences twice a year. Independent study credit is available.

The Political Science Association is open to any student interested in political issues. Join friends and concerned students for provocative discussions and be engaged in the campus and community.

Pi Sigma Alpha is an upper-division honor society that hosts guest speakers and organizes other events of interest for political science students. Membership is open to juniors and seniors of all majors who have completed minimum coursework requirements.

You also might be interested in the College Democrats or Republicans, the International Association, and student government. Check our web site to see if these organizations are right for you.