**Political Science, B.A.**

The Political Science Department offers a bachelor's degree that prepares students for today’s in-demand careers in a variety of government, law, journalism, business, and non-profit settings. Students who seek our B.A. degree will study the history, philosophy, and practice of government and politics. At Molloy University, this includes exploring the political systems of the United States, Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. With a political science degree, students will be prepared for lifelong learning and gain the core communication and adaptation skills that will be valuable in any career.

**Essential Skills:**

The essential skills of a political scientist, according to the American Political Science Association, are:

1. Ability to Communicate
   1. Present ideas clearly
   2. Turn data into usable information
   3. Argue and debate effectively
   4. Mediate conflicts
2. Research
   1. Interpret and analyze data
   2. Discern good information from bad
   3. Perform basic quantitative analysis
   4. Think internationally
3. Group Skills
   1. Demonstrate leadership
   2. Work in a team and individually
   3. Interact effectively in a diverse environment

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| **FIRST YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| FST 1010 | 1 credit | POL 1000 | 3 credits |
| POL 1010 | 3 credits | TRS (Gen Ed) | 3 credits |
| HIS 1010/1110 | 3 credits | MUS (Gen Ed) | 3 credits |
| ART (Gen Ed) | 3 credits | Language/Literature (Gen Ed) | 3 credits |
| Mod Language (Gen Ed) | 3 credits | PSY 1110 (Gen Ed) | 3 credits |
| PHI (Gen Ed) | 3 credits | PED | 1 credit |
| Total Credits | 16 credits | Total Credits | 16 credits |

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| **SECOND YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| POL 1030/2100 | 3 credits | POL 1060 | 3 credits |
| ENG 1100 | 3 credits | POL 2000 level | 3 credits |
| MAT 1150 | 3 credits | Science | 3 credits |
| ETH (Gen Ed) | 3 credits | Related Requirement 2000 level | 3 credits |
| POL 1070 | 3 credits | Related Requirement 3000 level | 3 credits |
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| Total Credits | 15 credits | Total Credits | 15 credits |

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| **THIRD YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| POL 2000 level | 3 credits | POL 3000 level | 3 credits |
| CORE | 4 credits | Related Requirement 2000 level | 3 credits |
| POL 3000 level | 3 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
| Related Requirement 2000 level | 3 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
| Related Requirement 3000 level | 3 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
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| **FOURTH YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| POL 3190 | 3 credits | POL 4900 | 3 credits |
| POL Any Level | 3 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
| POL 4600 | 3 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
| Elective | 6 credits | Elective | 3 credits |
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| Total Credits | 15 credits | Total Credits | 12 credits |
| **Total Credits to Graduate** | | | 120 credits |

**Honor Society:**

The History and Political Science Department at Molloy University offers eligible students membership in the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

**Employment Information:**

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major Include:

Political scientist, Legislator, Lawyer, Government official (mayor, county executive, etc.), FBI agent, Diplomat, Judge, Policy expert, Director of a non-profit, Journalist, Environmental specialist, Social worker, Urban planner

Representative Employers to the Major Include:

City, state, and federal governments; International bodies like the United Nations; Law offices; the Court system; Colleges; Social service agencies; Newspapers and Digital media platforms; Businesses.

Further Resources:

See the following resources: [National Association of Colleges & Employers: Career Readiness Defined](https://www.naceweb.org/career-readiness/competencies/career-readiness-defined), [AAC&U](https://www.aacu.org/trending-topics/essential-learning-outcomes), [What Can I Do with This Major?](https://www.molloy.edu/academics/resources/resources-for-students/student-solution-center/undeclared-advisement/career-options), and [Molloy Undergraduate Catalog.](https://molloy.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/undergraduate-catalog/)

**Notice**:

This 8-semester plan is not a contract, either expressed or implied, between the University and the student, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered periodically to carry out the academic objectives of the University. The University specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any 8-semester plan at any time within the student’s period of study at the University.