



MOLLOY UNIVERSITY

School of Arts & Sciences
Department of History
& Political Science

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
 - a. Present ideas clearly
 - b. Turn data into usable information.
 - c. Argue and debate effectively.
 - d. Mediate conflicts

2. Research
 - a. Interpret and analyze data.
 - b. Discern good information from bad.
 - c. Perform basic quantitative analysis.
 - d. Think internationally.

3. Group Skills
 - a. Demonstrate leadership.
 - b. Work in a team and individually.
 - c. Interact effectively in a diverse environment.

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.

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

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
Total Credits	15 credits	Total Credits	15 credits

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
Total Credits	16 credits T	Total Credits	15 credits

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
Total Credits	15 credits	Total Credits	12 credits
Total Credits to Graduate			120 credits

Further Resources:

See the following resources: [National Association of Colleges & Employers: Career Readiness Defined](#), [AAC&U, What Can I Do with This Major?](#), and [Molloy 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.