



The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE with optional concentration in International Relations

Are you interested in the presidency and its role in our society? Does the role of the media in political affairs interest you? What about an interest in the boundaries of free speech? Have you given any thought to the tensions in the Middle East? These are only a few of the issues considered by students who take courses in political science at Monmouth University. In addition to a variety of courses that provide students with a global view of political systems and their problems, the department offers courses of a more fundamental nature. For instance, political science students at Monmouth also focus on basic questions about justice, human rights, constitutions, and freedom. This emphasis on practical and theoretical issues in political science ensures that our students develop a well-rounded understanding of the political process.

Combining an understanding of the past with an investigation of the present, students acquire an understanding of, and develop an interest in, many aspects of the political process. Our political science majors have been successful in a wide spectrum of careers, in fields and institutions as varied as the CIA, FBI, international relations, law, journalism, education, urban planning, and politics.

While classroom learning is important, the value of real-world experience cannot be overestimated. Monmouth's experiential education requirement allows students in all majors to take their study beyond the confines of the classroom.

Through internships, service learning, and cooperative education programs, students apply their knowledge to real-life situations. Monmouth's political science students have satisfied this requirement in a variety of settings, including semester-long assignments in political offices and agencies in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and the British parliament. Our Washington semester program has placed students in several government and non-governmental agencies, including the White House. We also have service learning opportunities where students get to volunteer abroad.

Political science majors at Monmouth can also take advantage of a rich array of extracurricular activities on campus, including an award-winning Model UN team, Pi Sigma Alpha (the political science honor society), the Political Science Club, and the Republican Club. The newly created Policy Debate team has won several national awards.

Students who major in political science can focus their studies by selecting courses from the following five clusters: American Politics, American Legal Systems, Public Administration, International Politics, and Comparative Politics. The department also offers a minor in political science.

Pre-Law Program

The pre-law program provides a thorough preparation for students who intend to go to law school. Monmouth offers a legal studies minor that includes courses on American government (basic for all future lawyers), constitutional law, civil rights, administrative law and regulations, the pre-trial prosecution system, and media law. Guest speakers and a variety of special programs are designed to help students understand the legal process, and will assist in their preparation for a career in the legal profession.

Minor in Public Policy

Monmouth's minor in public policy complements any major field of study. By focusing on theories and models of policy development, evaluation, and implementation, students develop practical tools necessary to analyze and formulate policy. Students are also exposed to the social and ethical concerns that underlie the policy process. A number of specializations are available within the minor: community and urban policy; economic policy; global issues and policy; labor and leadership; law, criminal justice, and policy; media and communications policy; participatory management and policy (business majors only); policy analysis; and social welfare policy.

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