POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science is the study of the intersection of power, government, citizenship, and public policy. Political scientists analyze the systems and procedures that shape policy at the local, state and national levels.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, political science majors can:

- Work as a social scientist. Students have executed public opinion polls, modeled negotiations and simulated legislative sessions at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

- Gain real-world experience through opportunities such as: working on local and state political campaigns, researching food truck policy in Providence and developing a community needs assessment for the towns of Bristol and Warren. RWU students intern with state government agencies, embassies and the federal government.

- Sharpen their skills in debate and analysis at Model United Nations and Arab League competitions, or join the College Democrats, College Republicans, or Fem Society organizations.

+ Do you want to be in the middle of making important decisions that shape the lives of millions of people?

+ Do you want to do social justice work like crafting policy and studying how political organizing can lead to community change?

CAREER OUTLOOK

RWU **political science** alumni are working as:

- Deputy Chief of Staff to R.I. Governor
- Agent in Central Intelligence Agency
- Director of Global Women Innovations Network
- Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Marine Corps
- Mathematics and social studies teachers

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The political science department prepares you very well with the skills you'll need, and the quality of the educators is top-notch. Class sizes were small enough that I was able to develop good relationships with professors and have great intellectual debates that let me hone my ideas. They believed in me, encouraged me, and were always there for me and pushed me.

Jakub Lis '17
Community outreach coordinator with U.S. Congressman David Cicilline

CURRICULUM

During your first two years, you will learn about the institutions and processes which govern human affairs. Coursework will provide an overview of American government and politics, how the U.S. engages in world affairs, and how governance is applied in other countries.

Your third and fourth years will take a deeper dive into specialized areas of American politics and international relations, with a focus on building research skills and conducting original research. In the capstone senior seminar, students have researched and presented their findings on topics such as policy advocacy for Alzheimer's patients, the perceived gender gap in electability, and exclusion issues in the LGBTQ population. The Political Science program at RWU prepares students for legal, business, and public policy careers, as well as advanced study in fields such as politics, public affairs, and law.

Special Courses

You'll choose from many special courses, including:

- Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Race and Ethnicity in American Politics
- Rogue States, Allies, Regional Powers
- Global Environmental Politics
- Politics and the Media
- Strategy and National Security Policy

Study Abroad

Through study and internships abroad, students explore other cultures, governments, and the issues they face. Students have worked at the British Conservative Party in London and studied modern German politics in Germany, as well as studied in New Zealand, Italy, Spain, Jordan, South Africa, Scotland, Australia and many other countries.

Get a Great Internship

RWU political science students have interned at:

- Naval War College
- United States Coast Guard
- Congressional and senatorial offices
- State legislatures
- Embassies
- Federal government offices

OVER 80% OF RWU STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH MORE THAN JUST A SINGLE MAJOR

RWU students have paired **political science** with:

- Legal Studies
- Economics
- Communication
- Anthropology & Sociology

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