Political Science

Degree Designation: BA

Mission Statement

The undergraduate program leading to the B.A. degree in political science is designed for students interested in and seeking to understand political problems, issues, and the nature of the political process, as well as the philosophical and legal basis of political structures at local, state, national and international levels.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content / Discipline Skills

- Understand the structure and institutions of government at multiple levels of analysis.
- Be familiar with the theoretical foundations of the various fields within Political Science.
- Demonstrate knowledge of empirical methodology and quantitative analysis in the field of political analysis.

Critical Thinking Skills

- Demonstrate critical thinking skills and analytical reasoning through the formation and support of research topics utilizing quantitative, qualitative and theoretical methods of research and analysis.

Communication Skills

- Create and deliver effective oral presentations.
- Develop effective written presentations.
- Contribute effectively to group discussions.

Assessment Strategies

- Through a variety of diagnostic methods, including examinations, assignments, internships (optional) and research papers, the Political Science faculty will measure students’ achievement of the identified core learning outcomes. The results of the assessment will be used to improve student achievement and program effectiveness.