

POLITICAL SCIENCE

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Political Science

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science

Why Political Science?

Political science students examine the development and function of governments and the behavior of rulers throughout history. They can explore American or international politics, theories concerning the ideal government, health care, the environment, and civil rights, to name a few. Along the way, students develop a versatile set of skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; and teaching. Political science graduates can be activists, attorneys, analysts, city planners, CIA agents, economists, intelligence officers, journalists, pollsters and legislators.

Political Science at SIUE

The political science program at SIUE is designed to blend theory with practice. Modest class sizes enable students to have extensive contact with the department's faculty members, five of whom have received teaching awards. In addition to their excellence in teaching, faculty members have a strong commitment to research. They bring undergraduate students into sophisticated research projects that usually are reserved for graduate students. This experience helps students to develop original research projects and acquire a skill set that will serve them well in the workplace.

The department also sponsors a Political Science Association, a student organization designed to decrease student apathy and increase political awareness. And, although completion of an internship is not required for an undergraduate political science degree at SIUE, students find them beneficial. Faculty members, who are active in the community, regularly work with students to find internships within legal, government and political organizations.

Career Outlook

SIUE's political science graduates have a consistently high employment rate. Graduates have gone to work for local, state and national political campaigns; the State Department; the CIA; the Peace Corps; state representatives; members of Congress; and the FBI. SIUE graduates also have been accepted into top-ranked law schools and other graduate programs on full scholarships.

Because the political science degree is embedded in a liberal arts curriculum, SIUE students are attractive to employers and graduate schools. Among their strengths are the ability to write and speak effectively, the ability to understand and solve problems and the breadth of perspective that promotes understanding of issues and coping with changing conditions.

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Faculty

Professors

Lynn M. Maurer, Ph.D.

1995, The Ohio State University

Associate Professors

Denise B. DeGarmo, (Chair), Ph.D.

2001, University of Michigan

Nicholas P. Guehlstorf, Ph.D.

2002, Purdue University

Andrew J. Theising, Ph.D.

1997, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Assistant Professors

Anne F. Boxberger Flaherty, Ph.D.,

2009, Duke University

Carly Hayden Foster, Ph.D.

2005, University of Kansas

Gregory F. Johnston, Ph.D.

2006, Louisiana State University

Kenneth W. Moffett, Ph.D.

2006, University of Iowa

Laurie L. Rice, Ph.D.

2005, University of California, San Diego



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Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BS

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	ENG 101 English Composition I (3) SPC 103 or 105 Speech Communication (3) Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Introductory Social Sciences (3) Introductory Natural Sciences & Math (3) Total 15	POLS 111 Intro to Political Science (II) (3) ENG 102 English Composition II (3) PHIL 106 Critical Thinking or MATH 106 Deductive Reasoning (3) Introductory General Education (3) Introductory General Education (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	POLS 112 American National Government (3) STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics or CMIS 108 Computer Concepts (3) Distribution Natural Sciences & Math (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Total 15	POLS (Subfield #1) (3) Intergroup Relations (IGR) (3) Distribution Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Distribution Social Sciences (3) Minor (3) Total 15
YEAR 3	POLS (Subfield #2) (3) POLS 300 (3) Minor (3) Minor (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 18	POLS (Subfield #3) (3) POLS Elective (3) Minor (3) Minor/Elective (3) Elective (4) Total 16
YEAR 4	POLS (Subfield #4) (3) POLS (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (3) Total 15	POLS Elective (3) POLS Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3) Total 15

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

Academic Advising Information

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