



Political Science

Government, says the Bible, should restrain evil, secure justice and promote order. Social justice makes sense. But how is that achieved in a fallen world with flawed governments and leaders? Is there a place for faith in politics? Study political science at Northwestern, and you'll find out.

Study options

- Political science major/minor
- American government minor
- Pre-professional program in law
- American government education endorsement (grades 7-12)
- Interdisciplinary minors in Christian community development and Middle East studies are also options for students interested in political science

As a political science major, you'll compare the U.S. political system with those of other countries, study international relations, and examine issues of global importance. Your classes will be filled with discussion and debate as you and your peers are challenged to examine why you believe what you do. In the process, you'll hone your critical thinking and public speaking skills and become better prepared for an active role as a Christian citizen in your nation and the world.

Faculty

Northwestern's political science professors are committed Christians who don't shy away from the public arena. They won't teach you who or what to vote for, but they *will* model the deep thinking and discernment that should be part of every Christian's—and citizen's—decisions.

Capital experience

Political science majors can spend a semester in Washington, D.C., getting hands-on experience through internships with members of Congress, political parties, lobbyists, or nonprofit organizations such as the Legal Aid Society or the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children.

Study abroad

Immerse yourself in the politics of other countries and cultures by spending a semester abroad. Northwestern offers semester-long programs in Oman and Romania, and the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities offers a number of study abroad programs, including these that incorporate study of politics and public policy:

- Latin American Studies Program, Costa Rica
- Middle East Studies Program, Jordan

Public life

Northwestern political science graduates work in business, law, social work, education and, yes, even government or party politics. They have gone to top law and public policy schools such as Iowa, Minnesota, Virginia and George Washington. Northwestern political science graduates understand how policies, institutions and global trends affect every part of life and have the skills to adapt to a rapidly changing world.

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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