

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Political Science Program is administered by the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). Students will receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science with a concentration in political science. The political science program also has a pre-law focus for students who are interested in going to law school. Therefore, students in the program typically pursue law school, graduate school, and/or obtain employment in local, state, or national government. Our political program is unique because it offers specialized courses on African and African American politics.

Program Objectives

- Students will be able demonstrate a mastery in analytical and critical thinking by evaluating political phenomena from a theoretical, observational, or empirical approach in their research.
- Students will develop a broad understanding of the knowledge, approaches, theories, and frameworks in two or more of the seven discipline sub-fields.
- Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of major readings, scholars, ideologies, and concepts related to political science.
- Students will develop and sharpen their mastery of writing skills about political phenomenon by communicating their opinions, empirical findings, analyses, and the conclusions of their research on political issues, policies, institutions, and behavior in written and oral assignments.
- Students will discover their own personal political value system and apply these to their own understanding of politics.
- Students may develop outside of the classroom alternative perspectives on political phenomena by engaging experiential activities such as in internships, study abroad, and service learning experiences.

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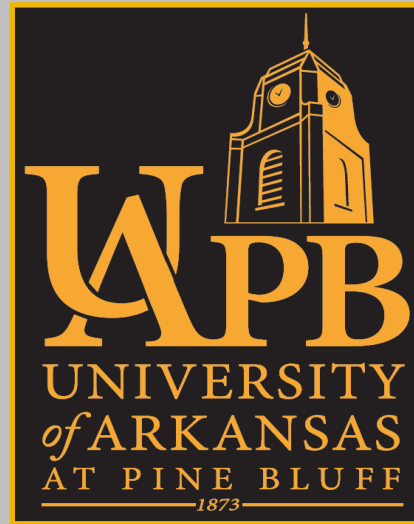
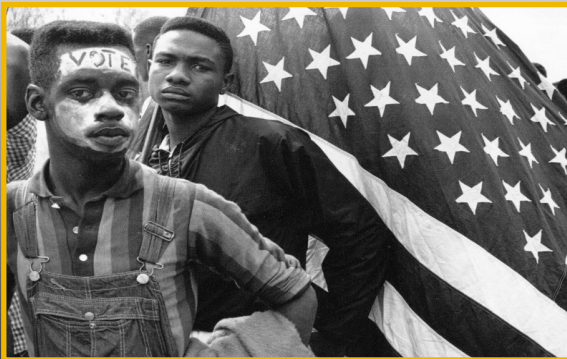
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What Is Political Science?

Political science is the study of power and how it manifests itself in institutions, organizations, policy/law, individuals, and ideas. There are seven major sub-fields in political science: American Government; Political Theory; International Relations; Comparative Politics; Women & Politics; Methodology; and Race & Politics.

What To Do With A Political Science Degree?

As a political science major, you will sharpen your writing, communication, analytical, and reasoning skills that are critical in working in a complex and interconnected global society. The courses offered in our program will prepare you to think critically and independently, with relative understanding for others and deep appreciation of current affairs. Majoring in political science can qualify you for many different careers in private for-profit and nonprofit organizations, as well as public sector organizations. With a political science degree you can pursue careers in business, law, consulting, state, local, and federal government, journalism and communications, international organization, finance, polling, and campaign management, community service and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), pre-college and college teaching.



Your Experience

As a political science major you will have the opportunity to participate in range of professional and academic activities that will compliment your coursework. Students in the major will have the opportunity to:

- Study abroad to another country for a semester or a summer;
- Attend summer academic/organization internships;
- Attend/present at state, regional, and national conferences focused on political science, law, and interdisciplinary studies.
- Meet and engage scholars, elected officials, activists, and other political actors.

Your Faculty

Your faculty in the political science program are completely dedicated to developing you to become nuanced thinker, competent researcher, and clear communicator. Faculty are available inside and outside of the classroom and take the time get to know you in order to advise and guide you towards your post-graduate goals.

Your Courses

The Political Science Program has range of courses in all of the major sub-fields including international relations, political theory, American politics, policy, comparative politics, and scope and methods. Additionally, the political science program has set of specific courses focused on black politics in the African Diaspora.



Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society- PSI Beta Chapter

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Political Science Honor Society, the only honor society for college and university students of political science in the United States. The purpose is to recognize and promote high academic achievement in the field of political science.

Political Science Club

The Political Science Club (PSC) is the official student organization connected to the political science program. The PSC club conducts several activities over the course of the academic year including a voter registration drive, political forums, debates, social activism, debates, and other cultural and political activities.

Campus

UAPB is a student-focused university. Our primary mission is to educate students. Each student has the opportunity to develop life-long academic and personal relationships with other like-minded students and be advised by faculty mentors committed to student learning and success.

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