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 to 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.
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 lifelong 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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