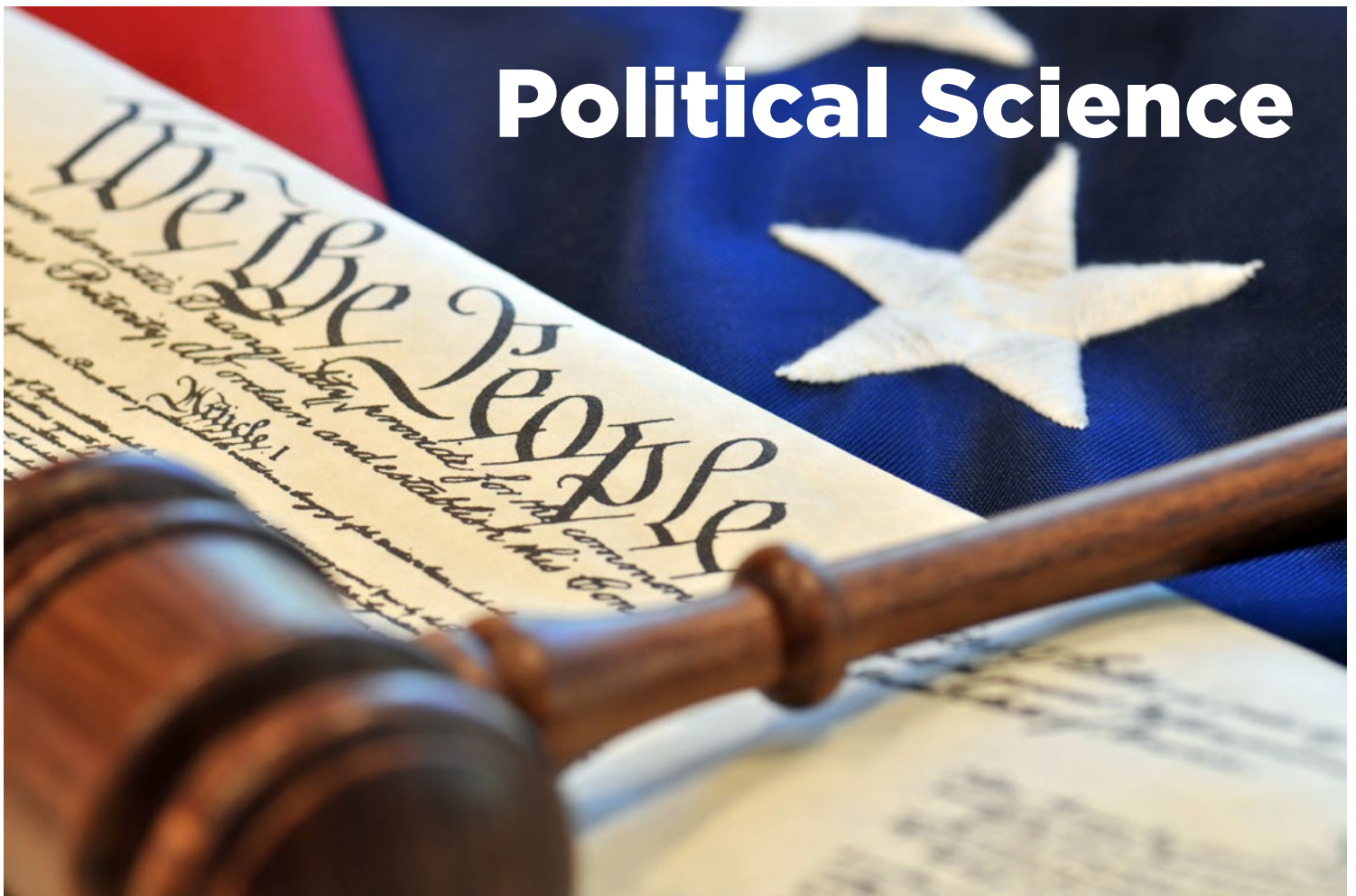


# Political Science



Studying political science at Mizzou is a great way to understand politics and to position yourself to become a leader. Political science can help you learn to be a better communicator, analyze complicated issues, solve problems, and become a better citizen.

## In the Classroom

In political science, you can emphasize one of three major areas or study broadly in American politics/public policy, international relations, and comparative politics.

**American politics/public policy** examines the process of governing, the institutions of government, the making of policy in a variety of areas, and the politics that drive each of these processes.

**International relations** studies the evolution of relationships across the international system and how these interactions influence patterns of conflict, trade, and cooperation.

**Comparative politics** surveys electoral systems, institutions, violence, and other important topics in countries around the world.

## Careers of Recent MU Political Science Graduates

Attorney  
Campaign Staff/Manager  
CIA/FBI Agent  
City Government Official  
Congressional/State Legislative Staff  
Communications Specialist  
Elected Official  
Foreign Service Officer  
Government Relations  
Information Technology Officer  
Intelligence Officer  
Journalist  
Lobbyist  
Policy Analyst  
Public Affairs  
Professor/Teacher

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The Department of Political Science also offers courses in research design and implementation and in political theory and philosophy.

## Outside of the Classroom

The best learning takes place when you combine lessons learned in the classroom with experiences in the real world. Students in political science participate in study-abroad programs, government and private-sector internships, and research projects alongside faculty.

The [Office of Participatory Democracy](#) sponsors teams that give students the opportunity to compete in simulations of the areas we study. The **Mizzou Debate** team competes at tournaments around the nation. **Mizzou Model United Nations** participates in Model UN conferences that simulate the world of international diplomacy. **Mizzou Mock Trial** team provides students an opportunity to experience what it's like to be a trial attorney.

Our department is also part of the interdisciplinary [Institute for Korean Studies](#), the central hub for MU faculty, students, and affiliates to come together for the study of Korea and to explore the world of Korean studies through teaching, research, campus programming, and public engagement.

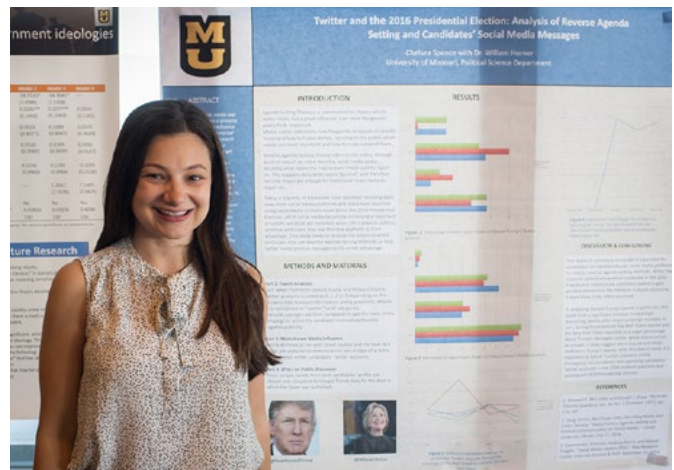
Several research opportunities are available to political science majors. Our highest-achieving students have the opportunity to produce their own original research while participating in our honors capstone. Students select a topic, are paired with faculty advisers, conduct their research project throughout their senior year, and at the end will craft a 40–50-page thesis documenting their findings. The honors capstone provides excellent preparation for law school or any other graduate or professional program.

Political science students also have the opportunity to attend our honorary society's annual Pi Sigma Alpha Student Research Conference.

## Beyond the Classroom

Political science students are trained in not only subject matter, but also critical thinking. The liberal arts curriculum prepares our majors for graduate programs, law school, and a variety of career opportunities.

Political science majors at Mizzou have won some of the most competitive and prestigious national fellowships such as the Harry S Truman Scholarship and Schwarzman Scholarship. These scholarships fund graduate programs in the US and China, respectively.



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