

POLITICAL SCIENCE



XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

POLITICAL SCIENCE IS THE STUDY of the theory and practice of government and politics. Political science holds an important role in liberal arts education, as well as in preparation for careers and graduate study in this growing profession. Students develop a systemic view of the various elements of political science, understand the theory and practice of modern government and politics, and examine current issues and questions of equity, justice and peace. Students read political and social science literature to more fully understand contemporary controversies in order to confront the promise and limits of political and social solutions for humanity's gravest problems.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science

Minor: Political science

The Xavier Advantage:

- ▶ Gain job experience with a local political internship in Cincinnati, or participate in our Washington, D.C., internship program through our partnership with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.
- ▶ Explore individual interests in urban problems, politics and administration through involvement in various political and social organizations in Cincinnati.
- ▶ Get a better understanding of our complex global society through University programs for study abroad, including the Academic Year in France (the competitive Fredin Scholarship), as well as summer programs in Austria; Bogota, Columbia; and Tokyo, Japan.

Xavier political science graduates go on to:

- ▶ Legislative aide, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory
- ▶ Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ Teach for America, Miami (FL) Schools
- ▶ Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- ▶ School of Law, Washington University (St. Louis)

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XAVIER UNIVERSITY: A JESUIT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN CINCINNATI, OHIO



RECOMMENDED CLASS SCHEDULES

BACHELOR OF ARTS [BA] IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

These schedules serve as a guideline for progress toward a degree. Students should consult with their academic advisor.

First Semester	Sem. Hrs.
FRESHMAN YEAR	
History I elective	3
Foreign Language elective	3
PHIL 100, Ethics as Intro to Phil	3
Science elective	3
ENGL 101 OR 115, Engl Comp/Rhetoric	3
Total	15

Second Semester	Sem. Hrs.
FRESHMAN YEAR	
History II elective	3
Foreign Language elective	3
THEO 111, Theological Foundations	3
Science elective	3
POLI 120, Comparative Gov Politics	3
Total	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Science elective	3
ENGL/CLAS/SPAN/FREN 205 Lit & Moral Imag	3
ECON 200, Microeconomic Principles	3
Theo Scrip/Hist OR Christ Sys elective	3
POLI 140, American Government	3
Total	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
General elective	3
Fine Arts elective	3
ECON 201, Macroeconomic Principles	3
PHIL 290, Theory of Knowledge	3
Literature elective	3
Total	15

JUNIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
MATH 156, General Statistics OR MATH 116, Elementary Statistics	3
Theology Ethics OR Rel/Cult elective	3
General elective	3
Political Science elective	3
POLI 277, International Relations	3
Total	15

JUNIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
POLI 301, Political Philosophy	3
Philosophy elective	3
E/RS Focus elective	3
Political Science elective	3
Mathematics elective	3
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
POLI 390 OR 391, Seminar	3
Political Science electives	6
General elective	6
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR	Sem. Hrs.
Political Science electives	6
General electives	8
Total	14

- Scheduling notes:**
- Consult the undergraduate Core Curriculum requirements.
 - The E/RS Focus elective requirement may be used to satisfy another element of the Core or the major.
 - A minimum of 120 credit hours is required for the degree.
 - Students are required to take 6 hours of approved courses representing two different disciplines to fulfill the Core Diversity requirement.

► For additional degree class schedule information, see www.xavier.edu/political-science.

THE PROGRAM

Based in Schott Hall, the Department of Political Science and Sociology faculty is committed first and foremost to teaching. With a 16 to 1 student/faculty ratio and the availability of individual counseling sessions each semester, the expertise of the faculty is readily available to students. The diverse areas of specialization, experiences and perspectives among political science faculty enhance the quality of the major.

With an emphasis on the liberal arts hallmarks of critical thinking and problem-solving, Xavier's political science program positions students to succeed in the growing arena of public policy and research, projected to grow as much as 21 percent by 2018, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

High-achieving political science students are noted by the presentation of two awards:

▶ **The George F. and Agatha M. Salter Political Science**

Award: Presented to the student completing the political science major with highest distinction.

▶ **The Edward C. Gasiewicz Political Science Award:**

Presented to an outstanding junior political science major for demonstrating high achievement in the field of political science and contributing valuable service to the community.

RESOURCES

Xavier University works in partnership with **The Washington Center** for Internships and Academic Seminars, an independent, nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn for academic credit in Washington, D.C. The largest program of its kind, The Washington Center has more than 40,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors in the United States and around the world. (Learn more at www.twc.edu.)

A sampling of internship locations available to students through The Washington Center includes:

- ▶ Council of State Governments
- ▶ Embassy of Mexico
- ▶ Institute of International Education
- ▶ Internal Revenue Service
- ▶ Merrill Lynch
- ▶ National Defense University
- ▶ National Institutes of Health
- ▶ Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- ▶ Save the Children
- ▶ Smithsonian Institution
- ▶ U.S. Congressional Offices
- ▶ U.S. Department of Justice
- ▶ *USA Today*
- ▶ Voice of America

OUTCOMES

Employment of political scientists is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations, reflecting the growing importance of public policy and research, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Political science is an excellent foundation for students preparing for careers in law, public service, foreign service, teaching and business.

Graduates have gone on to work with a range of employers in many types of positions. Here's a sampling:

- Director of communications, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
- Teach for America, Miami (FL) Schools
- Community development specialist, American Cancer Society
- Legislative aide, Mayor Mark Mallory (Cincinnati)
- Field representative, Speaker John Boehner (West Chester)
- Caseworker, U.S. Representative Jeanne Schmidt
- Field organizer, Trent Van Haften for Congress (IN-08)
- Associate (legislative analyst), International Strategies and Investment Group (ISI)
- Americorps Community Resource Coordinator, Communities in Schools of Arizona
- Peace Corps
- American Bar Association
- The United States Army
- Seasongood Good Government Foundation

Political science graduates also have gone on to master's and doctoral study in various fields at prestigious institutions nationwide, including:

- Public policy at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Public policy at University of Kentucky
- Community planning at University of Cincinnati
- Environmental policy at Miami University
- Public administration at Oregon State University
- Informational studies at University of Michigan

Xavier graduates also have gone on to schools of law at the following universities:

- Indiana University, Bloomington
- The Ohio State University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of South Carolina
- Villanova University
- Washington University (St. Louis)

Xavier University is home to the **Center for the Study of the American Dream**, established in 2008. The mission of the nonpartisan Institute is to "produce extraordinary citizens animated by an informed understanding of the global community, evolving technology and a clear vision of civic duty." The Institute also strives to equip Xavier students with the leadership tools needed to contribute to all levels of public life.

The Political Science Club provides a nonpartisan platform for discussing politics and social issues, as well as hosting speakers and other educational event. The University also is a frequent host of special lectures and events on political issues.

Opened in August 2010, the Conaton Learning Commons is the heart of the James E. Hoff, S.J., Academic Quad on Xavier's campus. The Commons provides students with the facilities, technologies and services to help them master essential skills and gain a competitive advantage in their respective disciplines and careers.

- ▶ Features 84,000 square feet, five floors and 24/7 environment.
- ▶ Creates a new focal point for connecting teaching, learning and our Jesuit mission of service to others.
- ▶ Equips students with all the latest academic and technological tools in a wireless setting.
- ▶ Offers ample space for individual study and group work in a wireless setting with access to plasma screens, movable white boards—and a café.
- ▶ Houses centers for academic advising and career services and labs for math, writing and modern languages.

Resources include a digital media lab, classrooms, auditorium and a centralized location for reference and technology assistance.

THE COLLEGE & THE CITY

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest college at Xavier University. Its goal is to provide excellent liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition that prepares students for careers, professional or graduate school, and life in a global society.

Centrally located in the heart of the Midwest and set along the Ohio River, Cincinnati is a thriving city, offering college students in the region a wide range of opportunities for internships and careers. Culture and entertainment ranges from the Cincinnati Art Museum to the Cincinnati Reds. Affordable and accessible, Cincinnati is rated one of the "most wired" U.S. cities (*Forbes Magazine*), most sociable city in the world (mashable.com), and one of the top 15 U.S. cities to live and work (*Fortune Magazine*).

CORE CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier's success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier's mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students' understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in political science: 33 hours of political science courses, including 15 hours of required courses and 18 hours of political science electives



XAVIER AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1831, Xavier University is a Jesuit Catholic university in Cincinnati, Ohio, annually ranked among the nation's best universities. Its three colleges offer 85 undergraduate majors, 54 minors and 11 graduate programs to 7,019 total students, including 4,368 undergraduates.

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