

DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Michael Coulter '91, Ph.D.

Teaches courses in Political Theory and American Politics

Paul Kengor, Ph.D.

Teaches courses in Comparative Politics and Political Theory, directs the Institute for Faith and Freedom

Samuel Stanton Jr., Ph.D.

Teaches courses in International Relations, Comparative Politics, and National Security

Caleb Verbois, Ph.D.

Teaches courses in American Politics and Constitutional Law

“The Political Science professors are incredibly willing to guide students to pursue their vocational calling and achieve academic excellence.”

– Libby Krieger '22

“The knowledge and skills I gained during my time at Grove City are foundational to my work today. The GCC Political Science department didn't just teach me, they taught me how to think for myself.”

– Benjamin Slate '20



Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Political Science prepares students to excel in careers in government, public policy, journalism, and political activism. In addition, the department equips students for law school and graduate programs in political science, international affairs and public policy. The program offers opportunities to participate in internships, national and regional conferences, and research with faculty.

MAJOR

Political Science

Students complete several core major classes and have the opportunity to choose from over 20 political science elective courses. The department offers classes in Political Philosophy, American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Politics.

MINORS

Political Science

Complete 18 credit hours of political science coursework, which includes required and elective courses.

National Security Studies

Complete 18 hours of coursework from a set of classes including Great Power Politics, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, Asian Politics, and U.S. Foreign Policy.

Pre-Law

Complete 18 hours of coursework from a set of classes, which includes courses in Constitutional Law, Philosophy of Law, and Public Policy.

ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

The Debate Team, Law Society, The Journal of Law and Public Policy, the College Republicans, the College Democrats, the Young America's Foundation, and International Justice Mission are popular among our students.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Students have presented papers at Political Science Conferences and have collaborated with faculty in research projects. Some Political Science majors work as Research Fellows with the Institute for the Faith and Freedom.

INTERNSHIPS

The department assists students in obtaining internships both in Washington, DC and other locations throughout the country. Most students intern in the summer with the opportunity to earn up to 6 credit hours. A semester-long Washington internship is an option for students as well. Students have interned at:

Capitol Hill

Executive Branch Agencies

State Governments

Local Governments

Heritage Foundation

American Enterprise Institute

Charles Koch Foundation

Commonwealth Foundation

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Grove City College Political Science graduates have pursued law and graduate degrees as well as careers in journalism, public policy, government, and non-profit organizations.

**CONTACT**

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