



**GROVE CITY  
COLLEGE**

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# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## DEPARTMENT FACULTY

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“It was extremely beneficial to go to a college where professors put aside their partisan beliefs. They simply brought information to the table for discussion. Very few colleges have a political science department that disregards ‘political correctness’ and presents information as truthfully as possible.”

– *Louis Phillips '13*



## DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Department of Political Science prepares students to excel in highly-competitive graduate programs as well as prepare for careers in government, law, and business by offering a balanced approach that includes the treatment of major fields and subfields. The department also offers an internship program, participation in national and regional conferences, and access to conduct research with the Center for Vision and Values, a nationally recognized think-tank at Grove City College.

### MAJOR

Political Science

Students complete 43 credit hours of political science coursework in addition to the College's core curriculum. Students choose from a broad course selection that includes international politics, comparative politics, classical and modern political thought, political parties and pressure groups, African politics, Middle-Eastern politics, state and local politics and more.

### MINORS

Political Science

Complete 18 credit hours of coursework. Students gain a foundational understanding of the important theories, methods and research findings of political scientists and are prepared to relate this specialized knowledge to their primary field of study.

National Security Studies

Complete 18 credit hours of coursework. Students gain timely and global insight into the salient issues surrounding national security matters, both theoretical and historical.

Pre-Law

Students complete 18 credit hours of coursework and will be prepared for law school by focusing on essential skills such as analytic problem solving, writing, oral communication and research methods.

### SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL AREAS OF INTEREST

The department houses the local chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary organization for Political Science students. Debate Team, Law Society, and The Journal of Law and Public Policy are also popular among our majors.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

In the last five years, our students have presented papers at the annual meetings of the Southwest Social Science Association, the Midwest Political Science Association, and in many campus-wide forums. Students have also collaborated with faculty in research developed for publications.

### INTERNSHIPS

Our Washington Internship Program is available to students from all majors following their sophomore year, for which students receive 12 hours of credit (six hours of internship, six hours of general elective credit). Students may earn up to six credits for summer internships. Students have also interned at:

<i>The American Spectator</i>	Family Research Council	Institute for World Politics
The Blaze	FBI	Koch Foundation
Local Government	Heritage Foundation	Law Firms
English Language Institute	State Government	Liberty Fund
County Commissioner's Office	Intercollegiate Studies INST.	Federal Government

### CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Students have attended law school, graduate school, work on political campaigns, serve in legislative staff positions at the state and federal level, careers in journalism, start their own businesses, employment in numerous government agencies at the state and national level, and service in the U.S. Armed Forces.



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