



EMPOWER YOURSELF

### Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Minor, political science
- Minor, environmental politics
- Minor, law and society

### Why Choose Political Science?

If you enjoy thinking about politics, economics, ethics, international relations, public policy, or the law, a political science degree may be for you. Political science provides the best and broadest understanding of the formation, application and change of government policy, as well as research techniques and standards of argumentation essential to legal practice. A solid understanding of local, national and international politics will benefit any student throughout his or her career.

### Career/Professional Opportunities

Career opportunities for political science graduates include media and public relations, teaching, nonprofit and private sector businesses, campaign management, foreign service, government administration, journalism and legal occupations. Our major prepares you to enter graduate MA and PhD programs as well as law school.

### About Us

Our faculty members have depth in their fields, breadth in their research and pursue multiple interdisciplinary interests. Our course offerings cover a broad range of topics. As a political science student at UAF your courses and the expertise of your faculty will be complemented by real world opportunities for you to apply your learning.

### UAF Department of Political Science

Approximately 60 student majors and seven full-time faculty and staff members.

Internship and scholarship opportunities.

We have an active chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha – the national honor society for political science students.

Undergraduate research opportunities.

## Program Highlights

- *Model United Nations Alliance – we participate in simulations covering a wide array of topics from women's rights to nuclear arms*
- *Aid faculty as research assistants*
- *Take part in numerous department projects such as bringing speakers to campus or hosting roundtables on important issues.*
- *Our faculty members are published authors and leaders in their respective areas of expertise*

## Sample Classes

- *Political Economy*
- *Comparative Politics*
- *Democracy and Global Society*
- *Peace, War and Security*
- *Ethics and Society*
- *American Presidency*
- *Congress and Public Policy*
- *Political Ideologies*
- *International Politics*
- *International Law and Organizations*
- *Women and Politics*
- *U.S. Environmental Politics*
- *International Relations of the North*
- *Science, Technology and Politics*
- *Comparative Indigenous Rights*
- *Constitutional Law*
- *Politics and Judicial Process*

## WHAT IS POLITICAL SCIENCE?

Perhaps the oldest of the social sciences, the discipline has its origins in Socrates and Aristotle, who called it the master science. As the **study of power**, political science explains who gets what, when, where and how. It examines the struggles over the claims to authority put forth to shape the lives of citizens and the world. As the **study of values**, it examines why citizens obey or rebel, the nature of the just society and the ways individuals reconcile personal liberty with political authority. As the **science of political behavior**, it analyzes the actions of interest groups, political parties and public officials. Politics is an omnipresent force, not only in governments but in social organizations, schools and decision-making bodies of all types — from student councils to international institutions.

Our students have used political science as a stepping-stone to graduate work in the social sciences and are teaching at colleges and universities. Other graduates work in media and public relations, teach high school, and work in corporations at the state or national level. The study of political science has also prepared students for work in various fields of government. Alaska offers exciting job prospects for our graduates as managers in state and local governments and as legislators and legislative staff members. Our students are also qualified to work outside Alaska in numerous public and private sector jobs.

Ultimately, what you do with political science is up to you, but a background in political science will benefit you throughout your life by giving you the analytical tools to understand and act in the world.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

See the catalog at [www.uaf.edu/catalog/](http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/) for complete degree information. Students need to consult with an academic advisor prior to course selection. Contact the Political Science Department for academic advising.

- Complete the general university baccalaureate degree requirements
- Complete the baccalaureate core curriculum
- Complete the bachelor of arts course requirements
- Complete the political science major course requirements
- Complete minor course requirements

All BA degrees require a minor. Refer to the catalog for minor degree requirements.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at [www.uaf.edu/admissions/](http://www.uaf.edu/admissions/).
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.