



POLITICAL SCIENCE  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

# EXPLORE UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Your Place for Study of  
Government & Public Affairs

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM



The Department of Political Science at Colorado State University provides undergraduate educational programs to enhance students' knowledge about government, politics, and public affairs. Colorado State University's Bachelor of Art's degree in political science covers a breadth of the political science discipline, teaching students to think critically and solve complex problems, while preparing students for a wide variety of careers both nationally and internationally. Our students develop strong critical thinking and analytical skills and the ability to effectively communicate complex ideas. Our faculty and graduate students research to advance knowledge about government and politics and identify solutions to societal problems in the United States and worldwide.

## MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS

**POLITICAL SCIENCE** concentration provides students with broad training across the five sub-fields of the discipline: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and public policy and administration.

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS & POLICY** concentration is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills to analyze the connections between politics and the natural world and pursue careers in environmental politics and policy-making

**GLOBAL POLITICS & POLICY** concentration is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills to analyze political relationships between and within countries and to pursue careers in international affairs.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT, LAW & PUBLIC POLICY** concentration is designed to prepare students to become future leaders in the public sector as well as prepare students for law and graduate schools.

## MINORS

**POLITICAL SCIENCE** minor will provide a broad understanding of government, politics, and public affairs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES** minor investigates environmental issues from the social sciences and humanities perspective.

**LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN STUDIES** minor teaches the languages, cultures, institutions, political and economic systems, and processes of change in Latin America

**POLITICAL COMMUNICATION** minor teaches how ideas are communicated and shape the political process.

## CAPSTONE SEMINARS

These special topics courses allow students to apply their political science knowledge to more in-depth exploration of a particular issue. The department offers at least one capstone seminar focused on environmental politics and policy each year.

## SEQUENTIAL DEGREE B.A. AND M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The sequential degree program provides a pathway for qualified political science undergraduate students to complete a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in political in one year.

Students of other majors who have completed at least (12) 300/400-level political science credits with a grade of B or higher are also eligible to apply.

For more information, visit:

[polisci.colostate.edu/sequential-degree](http://polisci.colostate.edu/sequential-degree)

## ACCELERATED BACHELORS DEGREE

Colorado State University's Accelerated Program offers political science students a pathway to graduate in 3 to 3.5 years instead of 4 years. Students who choose the Accelerated Program typically take 15-16 credits each fall and spring semester for three years, plus 6-9 credits over two or three summer sessions to earn their bachelor's degree quicker.

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**STRAAYER CENTER FOR  
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## CREATING LEADERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Straayer Center for Public Service Leadership offers access to internship and professional development opportunities. The center aims to provide thought leadership on public matters through University and community partners.



### COLORADO LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

The Colorado General Assembly is in session every year from January to May. For over 40 years, students from have traveled to Denver on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the spring semester to assist and support our elected leaders at the Capitol. Graduates of the program (over 1,100 alumni) have taken leadership positions (both elected and administrative) with local, state, and federal government agencies/organizations..

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FROM CSU'S ROLE AS THE  
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