

# Under graduate

## **PROGRAMS**

Colorado State University's Bachelor of Arts 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.





- **Political Science:** A broad interest in the study of government, politics, and public affairs.
- Environmental Politics and Policy: Knowledge and skills to analyze the connections between politics and the natural world to pursue careers in environmental politics and policy-making.
- Law, Politics, and Government: Knowledge and skills to analyze
  the connections between public law, political science, and
  government, and pursue careers in government or the legal
  profession. Learn about campaigns and elections, public opinion
  and voting behavior, American political institutions, American
  constitutional law, and how political forces contribute to public
  law in the United States.
- Global Politics and Policy: Knowledge and skills to analyze
  political relationships between countries and to pursue careers in
  international affairs.
- Power, Justice, and Democracy: Knowledge and skills to analyze
  the connections between power, authority, and democratic
  processes. Designed to help students pursue careers in the nonprofit sector, legal profession, and political activism.
- Public Policy and Service: Knowledge and skills to analyze the
  connections between politics, public policy, public administration,
  and public service. Designed to help students pursue careers in
  the public sector and non-profit sectors, domestically and
  internationally.



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#### **Minors**

- **Political Science:** General interest in government, politics, and public affairs.
- Environmental Studies: Investigate environmental issues from the social sciences and humanities perspectives.
- Latin American/Latinx Studies: The minor compares the multiplicity of cultures and the historical and sociopolitical processes that influence both the Latin American and Latinx experiences while analyzing the connections between these populations.
- Political Communication: Learn how ideas are communicated and shape the political process.
- Applied Environmental Policy Analysis:
   Provides students with a rigorous and indepth study of the public sector environment, practice, and methods for analyzing and developing policy.

#### **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.



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### Accelerated Bachelor's 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.

### Accelerated Master's Degree

#### Earn your B.A. + M.A.

The Accelerated Master's Program provides a pathway for qualified political science undergraduate students (major and minor) to complete a Master of Arts (M.A.) in one year, completing both a B.A. and M.A. in just five years. Students of other majors who have completed 12 or more 300/400-level political science credits, with a grade of B or higher, are also eligible to apply.

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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. The Center works with undergraduate and graduate students in all colleges and majors. The following are ongoing programs that students can take advantage of:

#### CSU in D.C.

In collaboration with The Washington Center, students are able to take an undergraduate semester in Washington D.C. Students will enroll in 15 credits and complete a professional internship, seminar, and colloquium while in D.C.

## The Legislative Internship at the Colorado State Capitol

Each spring semester, a group of students travels to the State Capitol in Denver every Tuesday and Thursday to intern for state legislators, general assembly committees, or lobbyists.

#### General Political Science Internship

Students may arrange their own internships and work with a political science faculty member to gain academic credit. Internships may be completed during the fall, spring, and summer semesters.