

Political Science

Political science is the study of political systems and processes and the ways they affect our lives. If you plan to play an active role in our society — participating in community affairs, analyzing the consequences of international events or seeking an elective office — you must have an understanding of political science.

Why Political Science at Illinois Wesleyan?

- Curriculum begins with basic courses that examine the intellectual, historical and behavioral development of political institutions.
- Students will gain a necessary core of knowledge, including American government, international and comparative politics, political theory, and the role of scholarly research in understanding modern government and politics.
- Students learn that political institutions and processes do not develop in a vacuum; instead, they reflect the cultures, values, beliefs, historical experiences and economic conditions of the societies in which they exist.
- Political science students work closely with faculty advisors to develop an individualized political science program that concentrates on a specific area (or areas) of interest or particular career goals.
- The senior seminar (senior research project) provides an opportunity for collaborative learning and the integration of knowledge at an advanced level by conducting original political science research.

Learning from a Quality Faculty

Political science faculty teach general courses in political science as well as courses within their area of specialty. Faculty are dedicated to innovative teaching and close student-faculty relationships.

- **Dr. Frank Boyd**, *Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Provost of the Faculty, Ph.D. — Emory University*
Specializes in international political economy, third world development and international organization.
- **Dr. Abigail Jahiel**, *Associate Professor of Environmental and International Studies and Director of Environmental Studies, Ph.D. — University of Michigan*
Specializes in the politics of China and international and comparative environmental politics.
- **Dr. Kathleen Montgomery**, *Associate Professor of Political Science, Ph.D. — Emory University*
Specializes in comparative legislative politics in the new democracies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

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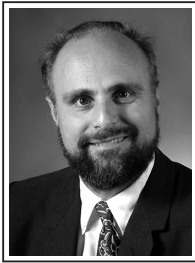


A Sampling of Courses Offered by Political Science

American Political Cultures
The American Presidency
Politics in Developing Societies
American Elections, Political Parties and Campaigns
Studies in Political Culture:
The American South and the Politics of Race
Political Protest and Social Movements
Latin American Politics
Conflict Areas
Congress and the Legislative Process
Public Opinion and Political Behavior
American Public Policy
Theories of International Relations

Recent May Term Courses Related to Political Science

American Political Cultures
Studies in French Political Culture (*travel course*)
Politics in Literature
Political Equality in Africa
Law and Social Change
Human Security and Global Governance



“The Illinois Wesleyan political science program strives for both academic excellence and practical relevance. Our curriculum stresses the acquisition of

- **Dr. William Munro**, *Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Studies, Ph.D. — Yale University*
Specializes in African politics.
- **Dr. Tari Renner**, *Associate Professor of Political Science, Ph.D. — American University*
Specializes in American elections, public opinion polling, and state and local government.
- **Dr. Greg Shaw**, *Associate Professor of Political Science, Ph.D. — Columbia University*
Specializes in American public opinion, social welfare policy, and federalism.
- **Dr. James Simeone**, *Associate Professor of Political Science and Department Chair, Ph.D. — University of Chicago*
Specializes in American political thought.

Putting Learning into Practice

- Extensive internship program includes positions with members of the local judiciary, the Illinois State legislature, in a variety of public and private businesses and law offices and through a host of national and international programs.
- Special study opportunities through the Department's cooperative programs: the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Chicago Semester, the American University Washington Semester, Georgetown University's Semester in Washington Program and the Drew University United National Semester.
- Students have the opportunity to submit independent research and/or assist in the editing and publication of *Res Publica*, the political science journal of original undergraduate research.
- Political science majors can join on-campus political organizations including Amnesty International, College Democrats, College Republicans, Model Illinois Government, Model United Nations, Student Senate and the IWU Law Club.
- Political science is a natural preparation for the lawyer, journalist, lobbyist, political campaign consultant or the public servant. Our alumni include successful lawyers with top law firms, state and federal lobbyist, politicians, political campaign analysts and consultants, and professional staff members in the U.S. Senate and House offices in Washington, D.C.

1) sophisticated knowledge of different political institutions, processes and policies; 2) analytical skills, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking; and 3) direct civic engagement and practical experience in government. The curriculum is administered by an experienced group of faculty who are dedicated to strong innovative teaching and close student/faculty relationships. While all members of the Department have their own research projects, students are never 'lost' in the process. We often attempt to include students directly in our research. For example, they have recently been involved in conducting public opinion surveys of political attitudes of voters. There is no artificial separation of teaching and research in our Department.”

Dr. Jim Simeone

Associate Professor of Political Science and Department Chair



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