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## B.A. in Political Science

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### A Comprehensive Major

Students are introduced to the field of political science through required courses in all four traditional subfields during their first two years and a course in methodology in their junior year. (See [www.sbu.edu/polisci](http://www.sbu.edu/polisci) for a complete list of major requirements.) As they move toward graduation and future careers or graduate study, our majors develop grounding in the discipline that allows them to specialize in areas such as:

- American and comparative politics;
- law and society;
- public policy;
- international relations; and
- political theory.

### Faculty encourage independent student research.

Students complete and present a capstone research project during their final year. **Our students have presented their research** at the New York State Political Science Association annual meeting and the annual Crossing Borders conference sponsored by the U.S. and Canadian governments among others.

### Interactive Learning Opportunities

Faculty/student interaction is key to our majors' educational success, both inside and outside the classroom. All political science majors are assigned a permanent faculty advisor who guides them in designing their academic program and provides counseling on future career options and graduate study. Beyond advisement, students have opportunities to participate in department-sponsored organizations such as the Model United Nations club and Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society.

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to see what our alumni are doing.

**We believe in education beyond the classroom.** Recently, students in Canadian Politics spent two weeks in travelling to Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal, meeting politicians, analysts and attending legislative sessions. Twelve students received credit for a course organized around the Presidential inauguration and participated in a week's programming in Washington, D.C., and follow-up activities on campus.

**Many of our majors spend a summer or semester term completing an internship in Washington, D.C.**, or in the state legislature in Albany. Those unable to spend the time off campus are able to intern in the local state senators' and assembly members' offices. Those interested in international relations have spent semesters abroad in popular programs in Ireland and Italy but also as far away as Australia, Argentina, and China.

### Careers and Graduate Study

The individualized attention and mentoring provided by faculty and the interactive learning opportunities available on- and off-campus have prepared our students for future careers and graduate study.

Our pre-law advisement program has achieved great success, with **all participating students gaining admission to law school**, the majority receiving academic scholarships. Recent graduates are currently attending University at Buffalo Law School, University of Richmond Law School, Baylor College of Law, The University of Akron School of Law, Denver College of Law and Boston College of Law. Other graduates have gone on to complete master's degrees in education, public policy, sports management, and survey research.

Many of our alumni have gone straight to jobs in fields as diverse as politics (staff in Congressional offices), education, law, the military and real estate.