

# Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Public Affairs

Two degrees in Political Science...Two career paths



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## Why Political Science?

Political issues dominate our lives. Topics such as: how to protect the environment, how to provide universal health care, how to protect our borders from terrorist attacks, how to protect our civil liberties and how to educate our children demand our attention. Understanding these issues is especially important in the 21st century. Participating in the decision-making process or in the discussion itself requires the broad-based liberal arts background and the solid grounding in basic analytic and technical skills that a degree in political science provides.

## Who?

A degree in political science is useful to those planning on a career in law, government, politics, education, media, business, healthcare administration, information technology and non-profit administration. Political science students graduate with versatile analytic and technical skills that prepare them for careers in many fields.

## Curriculum

The B.A. degree offers concentrations in American Government, Comparative and World Politics, Political Philosophy and Ethics, Public Administration, Public Law/Legal Studies, Public Policy, Public Administration, Quantitative Political Analysis, and Urban Politics and Policy. This program provides the student with a broad-based traditional liberal arts education, allowing great flexibility in the choice of courses

The B.P.A. degree offers concentrations in National, State and Local Governmental Relations, Lobbying and Electoral Politics, Public Management, Public Policy Analysis or Urban Policy and Management. This degree especially emphasizes the acquisition of analytic and technical skills. Instead of 12 credits in a foreign language, the student takes courses in economics and statistics.



## The B.A. and B.P.A Provide Preparation For:

- Entry level positions in various governmental and nonprofit agencies
- Graduate school for advanced degrees in political science or public administration
- Law School
- Secondary school teacher (as a co-major)



## Who Hires Political Scientists?

- Federal, state and local agencies and offices
- Universities and secondary schools
- Business
- Nonprofit agencies
- Research institutes

## Recent graduates have found employment as a:

- Attorney
- A Wayne County Commissioner
- A Detroit School Teacher
- Program Analyst for Michigan House of Representatives
- Michigan Supreme Court Justice
- V.P. for Ford Motor Company
- Dearborn Police Officer
- Program Evaluator for GAO
- Health Services Provider
- V.P. Easter Seals
- Director: U.S. Food Stamp Program
- Professor
- Director of Personnel Services, Farmington Schools
- Mayor of Ferndale
- Director of Fiscal Services: Kansas Juvenile Justice System
- Adviser: World Trade Organization
- Assistant to Mayor Archer
- Director, SEMCOG



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