

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, U.S. GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLICY CONCENTRATION

The U.S. Government, Law, and Policy concentration is designed to prepare students to become future leaders in the public sector. The skills gained in this concentration help prepare students for a variety of careers. Resources for careers include the American Political Science Association (<https://www.apsanet.org/>) and the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (<https://www.naspaa.org/>). The courses in this concentration educate students about the political processes and the legal environment of all levels of American government, as well as the processes of policymaking and the administrative apparatus used to implement public policy. Students will also be exposed to a variety of substantive policy issues including urban policy, energy policy, and environmental policy in the United States. U.S. Government, Law, and Public Policy students are strongly encouraged to complete an internship in one of the many organizations in the broader community. Students in this concentration are also encouraged to participate in the Legislative Internship Program (<https://polisci.colostate.edu/internships-and-careers/>) during their junior or senior years.

Learning Objectives

Students majoring in Political Science shall demonstrate the following:

1. Ability to reason through political claims and assertions by political actors.
2. Skill in recognizing and responding to diverse ideological perspectives.
3. Ability to locate political issues and controversies within their relevant institutional and historical contexts.
4. Familiarity with the institutional processes of politics in numerous global and domestic political arenas..
5. Confidence in expressing opinions and presenting analyses of political problems and their solutions.

Potential Occupations

Graduates may work for government agencies, nonprofits, community organizations, lobbying firms, elected office, political communication, research and policy analysts. Other graduates will utilize their political science education to prepare for law and graduate schools. Past students have completed internships (<https://polisci.colostate.edu/internships/>) with a variety of law firms, the cities of Fort Collins, Windsor, Loveland, and Westminster, the Colorado General Assembly, and Woodward among others.

To change your Major to Political Science, U.S. Government, Law, and Policy Concentration, you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 or send an email to cla_advising@colostate.edu. More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu/>.