FACULTY & AREAS OF INTEREST

- Alethia Cook, Chair—Department of Political Science: PhD, Kent State University. International and Domestic security, International Relations, and Understanding and Responding to the Threat of Terrorism.
- Jody Baumgartner, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, Undergraduate Director—Political Science: PhD, Miami University. American and Comparative Politics, Political Humor.
- Thomas Eamon: PhD, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Southern Politics, Black and Minority Politics, Urban Politics, Political Parties.
- Casey Fleming: PhD, North Carolina State University. Public Administration, Organizational Behavior.
- Peter Francia: PhD, University of Maryland. American Politics, Social and Protest Movements.
- Armin Krishnan, Security Studies Director—Political Science: PhD, Salford University, UK. Security Studies, International Relations, American Foreign Policy, Intelligence Studies.
- Jonathan Morris: PhD, Purdue University. Political Communication, Political Behavior, Political Humor.
- Backwan Park: PhD, Emory University. Big Data Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Comparative Politics.
- Carmine Scavo, Graduate & MPA Program Director—Political Science: PhD, University of Michigan. Public policy, State and Local Government.
- Olga Smirnova: PhD, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Public Policy, Transportation Policy, Agenda Setting and Policy Implementation, Urban Development, Global Cities, State and Local Government
- Nancy Spalding: PhD, Binghamton University. International Relations, Political Development, African Politics.
- Daniel Xu: PhD, Rutgers University. Public Healthy Policy, Rural Public Health, Opioid Epidemic.

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INFORMATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES
**POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FEATURES**

- Outstanding professors who care about their students
- Internship opportunities in politics and public administration
- Opportunities for independent study and original research
- An honors program
- Scholarship awards for high-performing juniors and seniors
- An active chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

A student who majors in political science acquires the skills in writing, communications, and analysis that are critical to a liberal arts education, which prepares the student to think independently, with acceptance for others and concern for current affairs. Today, a student can expect to change jobs many times and have multiple careers. A liberal arts education is excellent preparation for employment flexibility. ECU political science graduates are successfully working in public, non-profit, and private-sector organizations in the United States and abroad. Others have been accepted to law school and graduate degree programs.

**INTERNSHIPS**

The department actively encourages political science students to pursue internships in an applied political or public administration setting including political campaigns. Practical political and public administration experience allows the student to develop a deeper understanding of the world studied in the classroom and provides an opportunity to build a substantive work history. Academic credit is available for participation in the internship experience. Additional information can be obtained from the department's coordinator for undergraduate internships.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

- **General Education Requirements:** 40 semester hours (s.h.), consisting of Written Communication (6 s.h.); Natural Sciences (7 s.h.); Social Sciences (9 s.h.); Humanities and Fine Arts (9 s.h.); Mathematics (3 s.h.); Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity (3 s.h.), and a General Education Elective (3 s.h.)
- **Foreign Language:** Demonstrated foreign language proficiency through level 2004 (12 s.h.)
- **Core:** 36 s.h. Required courses are: POLS 1010, 2010, 2020, 2090, 3031; and at least one course in political theory. Must include a minimum of 18 s.h. selected from POLS courses numbered above 2999.
- **Minor:** A minimum of 18 s.h. in an approved minor field of study.
- **Electives:** Elective courses to complete the 120 semester hours required for graduation.

**MINORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Minors are available to students in any degree program:
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Comparative Government and International Relations
- Security Studies
- Leadership Studies
- International Studies

**HONORS**

A student who has achieved senior status with exemplary political science and cumulative grade point averages may be invited to participate in the Political Science honors program. Upon successful completion of a six-hour, two-semester sequence of advanced independent research and writing, the student graduates with honors in political science.

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

- **General Education Requirements:** Same as for BA. No language requirement.
- **Core:** 40 s.h. Required courses are: POLS 1010, 2010, 2020, 2090, 3031, 3032. Must include a minimum of 9 s.h. selected from POLS courses numbered above 2999.
- **Concentration:** 24 s.h. in either Campaigns, Elections, and American Politics, International Relations and Comparative Politics, Public Administration and Policy, or Pre-Law.
- **Minor:** A minimum of 18 s.h. in an approved minor field of study.
- **Electives:** Elective courses to complete the 120 semester hours required for graduation.

**AMONG OUR POPULAR POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES:**

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**PI SIGMA ALPHA**

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, is sponsored by the Department of Political Science. Open only to students who attain strong GPA’s in political science courses, the chapter sponsors public affairs programs during each academic year and hosts an annual faculty-student awards dinner.