

## 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.
- **Brad Lockerbie:** PhD, University of Iowa. American Government, Electoral Behavior, and Religion and American Politics.
- **Jonathan Morris:** PhD, Purdue University. Political Communication, Political Behavior, Political Humor.
- **Samantha, Mosier:** PhD, Colorado State University. Public Administration, US Environment and Sustainability Policies, Alternative Food Policy, Public Policy Process Theory.
- **Marie Olson Lounsbury:** PhD, Wayne State University. Research Methods, International Relations, Security Studies, Conflict and War, International Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution.
- **Baekkwon Park:** PhD, Emory University. Big Data Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Comparative Politics.
- **Sharon Paynter:** PhD, North Carolina State University. Nonprofit Management, Public Administration, State and Local Government, Public Policy.
- **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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# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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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.

# POLITICAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

## 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.

**For more information about political science programs at East Carolina University, please visit [www.politicalscience.ecu.edu](http://www.politicalscience.ecu.edu)**

## 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:

Campaign and Elections	War in the Modern Age
American Political Parties and Politics	West European Political Systems
American Foreign Policy	Politics through Film
The American Legislature	Social and Protest Movements in the US
The American Executive	Humor and American Politics
The American Judiciary	Religion and American Politics
Civil Liberties	Politics of Terrorism
State and Local Government	Politics of Globalization
Domestic Public Policy	North Carolina Politics
Public Policy and the Media	
International Organizations	

## 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.