

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

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Department Description

Our department is home to nationally and internationally recognized faculty who engage in a variety of fields of inquiry within Political Science and Philosophy. Our faculty publishes in leading academic outlets, frequently conducts externally funded research, and has received numerous teaching awards. We are committed to the growth and success of our undergraduate students in their academic careers and professional objectives, including law school, graduate school, and employment in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Our programs provide students with opportunities to complete advanced coursework, engage in undergraduate research, and gain field experience through internships.

Faculty

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Undergraduate Undergraduate Programs:

- Bachelor of Arts: Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy

Minors:

- Minor in Political Science
- Minor in Philosophy
- Minor in International Studies (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/political-science-philosophy/minor-international-studies/>)
- Minor in Bioethics and Medical Humanities