

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



Political Science is the study of politics at the local, state, national and international levels. We strive to help our students better understand their community and the world around them, as well as provide them with opportunities and experiences that will empower them to become more active, informed and engaged citizens. Within our department, we prioritize three key areas: community, experiential learning and scholarship.

## COMMUNITY

We offer an inclusive, welcoming environment in which our students are encouraged to socialize with each other, learn together and support one another both inside and outside the classroom. We encourage good citizenship within our department because we know that this will likely lead students to become better citizens within their communities. A primary way that we do this is through our student organizations, including:

- **Locke and Key Society**
- **Model United Nations**
- **Pre-Law Society**

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

We recognize the importance and value of learning outside the classroom. These opportunities not only enhance and reinforce what students have learned in the classroom, but they also provide students with practical experience, networking opportunities and greater clarity on what they might want to do upon graduation. We encourage, support and offer numerous experiential learning opportunities to our students, including:

- **International Field Study Courses**
- **Washington D.C. Field Study**
- **Internships**
- **Undergraduate Research**

## SCHOLARSHIP

We offer seminar-style courses (15-20 students per class) that allow for discussion-based learning as well as extensive one-on-one interactions between students and faculty. Our focus is on helping our students better develop their reading, writing and critical thinking skills, which will lead to more career opportunities and a greater chance for success following graduation. As a testament to this, our alumni have enjoyed successful careers as lawyers, diplomats, business owners, consultants, professors, government officials, public policy advocates, journalists and teachers, just to name a few.

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# What Can You Do with a Political Science Degree?

## See what our alumni are doing

### LEGAL PROFESSIONS

- Jesus Ramirez Ramirez**, DOJ Accredited Representative, Immigrant Legal Center, Lexington, NE
- Luciano Ramirez**, Attorney, Immigrant Legal Center, Lincoln, NE
- Dearra Godinez**, Attorney, Immigrant Legal Center, Omaha, NE.
- Hon. Andrea Miller**, Judge of the District Court, 12th Judicial District
- Jennifer Rowling**, Attorney, Tye/Rowling, serving Kearney, NE
- Hon. John P. Rademacher**, Judge of the County Court, 9th Judicial District-Buffalo & Hall counties
- Jeff Ensz**, Attorney, Lieske/Lieske/Ensz, Mediator, serving Minden and Kearney, NE
- Katelyn Lawrence**, Law Clerk at Legal Aid of Nebraska, Omaha, NE
- Carson K. Messersmith**, Attorney Anderson/Klein/Brewster/Brandt, serving Kearney, NE
- Jon Brandt**, Attorney, Attorney Anderson/Klein/Brewster/Brandt, serving Kearney, NE
- Nick Ridgeway**, Attorney, Jacobsen/Orr, serving Kearney, NE.

### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GOVERNMENT

- Cristina Bartels**, Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED), Lincoln, NE
- Laura Larsen**, Capital Budget Director, State of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- Nathan Janulewicz**, Legislative Aide at Nebraska Legislature, Lincoln, NE.
- Christopher Tussing**, Office Assistant at City of Lincoln, NE
- Alex Straatmann**, Lawyer. Veteran. Public Servant. Volunteer., the office of Representative Adrian Smith, Grand Island, NE.
- Britt Cudaback**, Spokeswoman, Gov. Tony Evers, the State of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

### NON-PROFIT CAREERS

- Catiana Urrutia**, Development Associate, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Omaha, NE
- Meaghan Pasbrig**, Project Manager at Travois, Travois works with tribal communities across the country in building affordable housing, Kansas City, MO
- Viridiana Almanza**, Family and Community Well-Being Program Director at Latino Center of the Midlands, Omaha, NE
- Julie Harris** is the Executive Director of BikeWalk Nebraska in Omaha, NE
- Rebekah Wells**, Mental Health Technician at CHI Richard Young Behavioral Health Hospital, Kearney, NE
- Brandon Pettigrew**, Director of Development & Strategy at Hamdard Health Alliance, Addison, IL

### BUSINESS/CONSULTING WORK

- Adrian Gomez Ramos**, Investor Relations at Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
- Carlos Arias**, Founder & CEO Leadership Development Specialist
- Tory Jones**, BSA/AML Investigator Assoc II, HRCU at Bank of the West, Omaha, NE
- Chad Stogdill**, HSE Specialist at West Pharmaceutical, Kearney, NE
- Matthew Morehouse**, Senior Data Science Engineer/Senior Data Science Engineer Spreetail, Lincoln, NE
- Lisa Kent-Scheer**, Logistics Shipment Coordinator at Hill Bros, Omaha, NE
- Parker Jolly**, Director of Operations at Insight Global, San Jose, CA.

### ACADEMIC/HIGHER EDUCATION/JOURNALISM

- Professor Clayton Thyne**, Professor in the Political Science department at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- Professor Chuck Rowling**, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Professor Laron William**, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia
- Professor Collin Grimes**, Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California-Merced
- Scott Seeba**, Title IX Investigator and Education Coordinator at University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Josh Moody**, General assignment reporter at Inside Higher Ed, Washington, D.C.
- Professor Season Hoard**, Professor in the Department of Political Science at Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- James Keating Assistant Director**, Student Advising Center/Adjunct Faculty, International Relations, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Daniel J. Krittenbrink** became Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.
- Mia Grant**, Diplometrics Research Aide at Pardee Center for International Futures, Denver, CO
- Felipe Zuluaga**, Financial Economist at U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- Dana Dillon**, Senior Global Analyst at Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Fairfax County, VA
- Brooke McGee**, Assistant Chief Counsel, Assistant Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

