

Political Science (BA)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

How do activists advocate for greater human rights across country borders? How do states work through or around international organizations, such as the United Nations, to accomplish their goals? Can we trust public opinion polls to measure peoples' opinions? Why do some countries become successful democracies, while others struggle with autocratic rulers?

Drexel University's Department of Politics empowers students to ask and answer political questions, understand the limitations of data, and implement their own research projects.

Political science students explore the theory and practice of politics through an exciting variety of courses in **PUBLIC POLICY, ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LAW AND SOCIETY.**

ACCELERATED BA/JD IN POLITICS AND LAW

FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS, WE OFFER A BA-TO-JD ADMISSION PROCESS THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO MATRICULATE INTO THE DREXEL UNIVERSITY THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW AT THE START OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST APPLY AND BE ACCEPTED AS PROSPECTIVE FRESHMEN DURING THE ADMISSION PROCESS TO DREXEL.



CONCENTRATIONS

The department offers three possible tracks, which serve as guides for students to structure their studies according to their career goals.

AMERICAN POLITICS AND POLICY

Considers the relationships among public opinion, legislative representation, and policy-making in democratic politics,. Courses cover American political processes, areas of public policy, and democratic theory, representation and participation. This track is most appropriate for students interested in law school, graduate school in American politics, or careers in electoral politics and campaigns, public administration or government.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Incorporates both traditional comparative politics and international relations, as well as comparative political theory. Courses explore the politics of marginalized people, interstate war and civil war, international organizations, and the politics of specific countries or regions (e.g. Latin America or the European Union). This track is most appropriate for students who wish to pursue an advanced degree in international law,international relationsinternational business, the Foreign Service, or international organizations such as the UN or World Bank.

LAW AND POLITICS

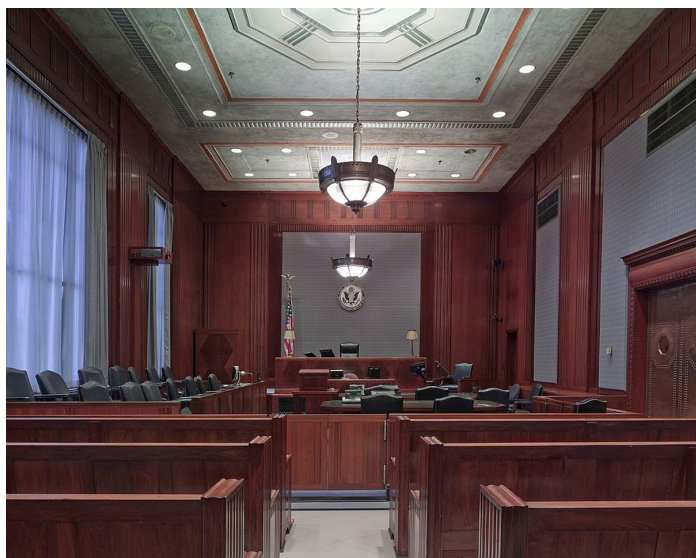
Examines the relationships between judicial institutions and other political and social actors, both nationally and internationally. Courses include American constitutional law and judicial politics, the comparative politics of legal institutions across countries and regions, and the legal strategies of social movements. This track is most appropriate for students considering law school, and for those who seek careers in judicial politics and civil society organizations.

MINORS

ALL OF OUR TRACKS RESERVE ENOUGH FREE ELECTIVES FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE A MINOR. WE RECOMMEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, ECONOMICS, HISTORY, SOCIOLOGY, OR CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES. ALL OF THESE OPTIONS MAKE GRADUATES HIGHLY MARKETABLE.

DREXEL CO-OP

Co-operative education options prepare politics students to pursue advanced education and careers by providing opportunities to work with **ATTORNEYS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS.**



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