

## **Department of Political Science, BA Program: Student Outcomes**

Upon receipt of their B.A. in Political Science, students will have acquired:

1. Knowledge of core concepts and theories of the main political science sub-fields of American Government and Politics, Public and Constitutional Law, Comparative Politics, Political Theory and International Relations.
2. Exposure to different ways of thinking about government and politics associated with diverse historical and cultural contexts, ideologies, economic systems and governing structures.
3. Training in written, oral and visual communication, critical thinking and problem solving.
4. Familiarity with a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods used to produce, understand and analyze the data used in governance, policy-making and political science scholarship.
5. Knowledge gained through experiential learning including participation in extra-curricular activities, community organizations or other service-oriented learning.
6. Awareness of theories and practices related to contemporary studies of political science including global, national and local environmental issues; political, social and economic development; citizenship and political identities; equity and ethics in political behavior; and conflict and cooperation strategies.
7. A capstone experience that either: a) tests ability to understand the political context of current and historic events as well as critically evaluate political concepts and theories in a senior thesis; or b) applies core concepts and theories of political science in a government or non-profit organizational setting.
8. Preparation for graduate and professional studies along with the mastery of skills needed to pursue political and policy-related careers in the public, non-governmental and private sectors.