The study of politics introduces students to the way public affairs are conducted on local, regional, national and international levels. At Saint Joseph’s, the political science major incorporates both humanistic and scientific approaches in its curriculum. It familiarizes students with the main branches of contemporary political science, from the timeless classics of political thought to the current issues affecting regional, national and world politics. Students become aware of the increasing interconnectedness between domestic affairs and international trends and developments.

Political science majors are typically fascinated with current events and want to learn more about both what is happening and why. Class sizes are generally small, allowing students and faculty to develop strong relationships. Many students pursue a minor in related disciplines, such as history, economics, English, philosophy, or a foreign language, and majors frequently study abroad.

The program encourages students to become involved with two distinct types of internship opportunities. The Philadelphia Area Internship Program supports student internships in a public sector, private sector or non-government organization (NGO) in the Philadelphia area. Students interested in national or international government participate in a Washington, D.C. internship program through the Washington Center. Interns work for government agencies, partisan and advocacy groups, lobbying firms, media outlets and more, gaining meaningful work experience in the political realm.

The political science major offers a solid foundation for graduate and legal studies. Graduates work in a wide variety of fields, including law, education, social services, communications, diplomacy, business and politics.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR:
- Visit the Political Science Department’s Website: http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/politicalscience/index.html
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the Political Science Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1749
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center at 610-660-3100

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE?
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at www.onetonline.org. Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

Judge: Arbitrates, advises, adjudicates, or administers justice in a court of law. May sentence defendant in criminal cases according to government statutes. May determine liability of defendant in civil cases. May issue marriage licenses and perform wedding ceremonies.
Lawyer: Represents clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draws up legal documents, and manages or advises clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law.

Paralegal: Assists lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents. Conducts research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.

Political Science Teacher, Postsecondary: Teaches courses in political science, international affairs, and international relations.

Political Scientist: Studies the origin, development, and operation of political systems. Researches a wide range of subjects, such as relations between the United States and foreign countries, the beliefs and institutions of foreign nations, or the politics of small towns or a major metropolis. May study topics such as public opinion, political decision making, and ideology. May analyze the structure and operation of governments, as well as various political entities. May conduct public opinion surveys, analyze election results, or analyze public documents.

**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN POLITICAL SCIENCE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**

There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University and beyond – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

- Pi Sigma Alpha
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Philadelphia or Washington Internships

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:**

As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the Not-for-Profit and Financial Services fields. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)
Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

Account Representative  
Accounting Clerk  
Associate, Regulatory Review  
Case Worker  
College Admissions Counselor  
Congressional Staff Assistant  
Declassification Analyst  
Classroom Teacher  
Field Associate  
Financial Advisor  
Fulbright Scholar  
Government Relations Specialist  
Human Resources Assistant  
Intern Investigator  
Media Assistant  
Membership Programs Assistant  
Mortgage Consultant  
Multi Intensive Special Educator  
Paralegal  
Philly Fellow  
Private Investigator  
Program Coordinator  
Receiving Manager  
Sales Representative  
State Trooper  

Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

Anthropologie  
Barclays Wealth  
Bold Air Respiratory, Inc.  
Bold Acquisition  
Carroll Textiles LLC  
Center for Clean Air Policy  
ConAgra Foods  
Congressman Jim Ryun  
Creative Channel Services, Inc.  
Department of the Air Force  
DHL WorldWide Express  
Diane von Furstenberg  
Digitas Health  
duPont Manual High School  
Ferrell, Schultz, Carter & Fertel, P.A.  
Georgetown University Law Center  
Intellectual disAbility Services  
J.G. Wentworth  
Legacy Property Group  
Lincoln Financial Group  
McNeil Technologies  
MetLife  
National League of Cities  
New Jersey State Police  
Pathway School  
Peace Corps  
Pequannock Township High School  
Philadelphia Phillies  
Philly Fellows  
Rembrandts  
Ronald E. Pogue, CPA  
Saint Joseph’s University  
School District of Philadelphia  
State Senator  
Steven Edward Investments  
Teach For America  
The Investment Fund for Foundations (TIFF)  
Tides Family Services  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Marine Corps  
United States Senate Office of United States Senator Barbara Mikulski  
University of Pennsylvania  
US Department of State - Fulbright Program  
US Senate  
William H. Sadlier, Inc.  
YWCA

Average Starting Salary – Political Science Majors – Classes of 2008 – 2012

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Some of the graduate schools in which our new graduates have continued their education, in programs including Humanities/Arts, Education, Law and more

American University
Cabrini College
Marquette University
Hofstra
Rutger’s Law School
Saint Joseph’s University

Suffolk University Law School
Syracuse University
Temple University
Thomas Jefferson University
Villanova University
Widener University

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR RESUME-below
Fiona Finnesey  
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Education

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Cumulative GPA: 3.71/4.00

Experience

Saint Joseph's University, Political Science Dept., Philadelphia, PA  
April 2013 - Present  
Research Assistant  
• Research and analyze legislation related to food insecurity and poverty in Pennsylvania  
• Compile individual surveys and responses supporting unique findings to direct school improvements

Cherry Hill Heating & Cooling, Cherry Hill, NJ  
August 2011 – May 2013  
Lead Generator  
• Drove creation of in-store leads to meet local sales teams goals and objectives  
• Contacted thirty people per day through email and phone to set appointments for free in-home evaluations  
• Delivered an average of ten in-store presentations per week

U.S. Congressional District Office (PA-07), Springfield, PA  
January 2011 – April 2011  
Intern for U.S. Congressman Patrick Meehan  
• Utilized iConstituent to facilitate constituent casework and legislative opinions  
• Answered phones, compiled press clippings and fulfilled administrative tasks with Microsoft Office

Pat Meehan for U.S. Congress Campaign, Springfield, PA  
September 2010 – November 2010  
Campaign Volunteer  
• Solicited votes through in-person door-to-door canvassing of forty households per day  
• Called twenty-five voters an hour for monetary donations, political opinions and to Get-Out-The-Vote  
• Organized and distributed campaign literature in groups and with Mr. Meehan at several campaign events

Extracurricular

Pi Sigma Alpha, Eta Nu Chapter, Philadelphia, PA  
April 2012 – Present  
Recording Secretary  
• Administer the Hawkling-Support-Network, an initiative that pairs freshmen with a senior mentor

College Democrats  
September 2012-Present  
Planning & Outreach Chairperson  
• Elected to Executive Board to oversee relationships with outside contributors for on campus events  
• Create social media marketing plan and oversee additional marketing plans to promote events on campus

Camp Serendipity  
June 2010 – August 2013  
Summer Camp Counselor  
• Built relationships with underprivileged children to demonstrate an alternative, positive environment  
• Led youth in hands-on activities, inspiring confidence, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship and skill