



## Central to Analyzing Governance and Power.

Central's BA in Political Science provides students with the tools and training necessary to become productive and successful professionals in the public or private sectors, including critical thinking, communication skills, collaboration, and global and intercultural fluency. The program ensures students' ability to effectively adapt and participate in a rapidly changing world. Graduates earn a broad foundation in American and comparative politics, as well as an understanding of the dynamic relationship between political ideas, behavior, and institutions.

### Program Features

- Attend full- or part-time
- Classes on-campus and in hybrid format
- Small class sizes
- Flexible curriculum
- Engaged faculty with extensive experience in their field
- Internship and undergraduate research opportunities
- Study abroad experiences
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- Free on-campus child care available



### Program Options

- **General:** Allows students to explore all areas of the political science field and to have the most flexibility in course selection.
- **Legal Studies:** Requires students to complete International Law, and Law & Politics to better understand the role courts and judges play in U.S. policymaking and the international community.
- **Public Policy & Management:** Prepares students for jobs within or related to government at the local, state, or national level. Includes courses on policy analysis, management, and public administration.

### Career Preparation

Graduates leave the program ready to fill jobs or to further their education at the graduate and doctoral levels. Some examples of occupations that graduates of the program work in are:

- Attorney – Legal Professional
- Campaign Manager
- Chief Compliance Officer
- Chief Operating Officer
- Committee Clerk
- Communications Director
- Compliance Senior Specialist
- Director of Human Resources
- Director of Legislative and Political Affairs
- Director of Urban Affairs
- Field Organizer
- General Counsel
- Health Care Analyst
- Law Enforcement
- Legislative Aide
- Policy or Program Analysts
- Political Director
- Policy Director
- Principle Specialist, Supply Chain Management
- Project Manager
- Senior Administrative Analyst
- Senior System Director for Social Impact, Strategies, and Integration
- Senior Paralegal
- Strategic Sourcing Manager
- Special Assistant to the White House Liaison
- Town Manager
- Vice President, Public Affairs

### Clubs & Honors

- **Political Science Club** encourages the discussion of international, national, state, and local politics. Meetings feature lively discussions of current events, campaign races, and career/internships opportunities. Poli Sci club provides an opportunity for members to meet fellow peers and interact with students of all views from across the political spectrum.
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor's society
- Civic Engagement and Democratic Leadership Award
- Connecticut General Assembly Internship pairs Central Political Science majors with members of the state legislature during the General Assembly session between January and June each year.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Department encourages students to study abroad, undertake internships, and pursue undergraduate research. The Department offers short-term study abroad opportunities as well as internships options in Connecticut or in Washington, D.C.

In 2024, the Department is offering two study abroad options: one to the island of Bonaire in the Caribbean and one to Spain and Morocco

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### ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

