

Political Science

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The Hartwick Difference

Hartwick's political science major features:

- Exciting local, national, and international internships
- Faculty-led study-abroad and off-campus programs
- Opportunities for independent research and collaboration on faculty research projects
- Effective, innovative teaching and learning methods, including simulations and role plays, debates and group presentations, rigorous discussion, policy critiques, moot court, and critical-thinking exercises

We provide students with a wide variety of academic experiences and prepare them well for graduate school, law school, and numerous careers, including teaching, public administration, and business. Our students work closely with faculty in courses across four sub-fields in political science (American politics and law, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory).

Three-Year Program

Ready to move faster? Get the full Hartwick political science experience in three-quarters the time at three-quarters the cost. Learn more at www.hartwick.edu/threeyeardegree.

Major Components

Majors acquire a solid foundation in political science through coursework across the four sub-field areas (American politics, international politics, comparative politics, and political theory and law). Majors are encouraged to develop expertise in a particular area of politics in which they have a keen interest. Moreover, many of our majors are double majors, combining their political science study with major concentrations in fields such as history, economics, or psychology.

Small classes are the norm. For upperclass students, internships in specialized areas are encouraged and individually advised by our faculty. All seniors complete and orally defend a significant research project: their Senior Thesis. Visit www.hartwick.edu/politicalsci to see recent student work and research topics.

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Course Highlights

For the full online course catalog and requirements, visit www.hartwick.edu/catalog.

As part of our curriculum, we regularly offer courses in compelling current-issue areas and specialized fields, including Politics and the Media; State and Local Politics, Environmental Politics, Democratic Theory, Politics of the Middle East; Central Asian Politics; and Freedom, Equality, and Power. Our courses are invigorated by critical analyses of current events, student-centered learning, and attention to preparation for lifelong active citizenship.



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Beyond the Classroom

Our students have organized voter-registration drives; worked on local, state, and presidential campaigns; and observed court proceedings and city council meetings. Our students aren't just studying politics, they're doing politics.

We strongly encourage our students to do internships. Many work for their members of Congress, either in one of their district offices or in Washington, DC. Other students have interned in law offices, clerked for county and state judges, or worked in the office of their district attorneys. Students interested in international affairs have interned at the United Nations and other internationally focused non-governmental organizations. Political Science students routinely participate in off-campus study-abroad programs in January Term. Recent programs led by political science faculty include a journey to Greece to study ancient political thought and a January 2012 program to the Czech Republic and Ukraine to study the economics and politics of post-communist transition.

The Political Science Department plays a major role in composing and advising a group of students representing Hartwick at the Annual Harvard Model United Nations, the largest and most prestigious program of its kind in the country. Political science majors who excel academically are invited into lifelong membership in the National Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. Our local Mu Delta chapter, which has won four national "best chapter" awards in the past 10 years, regularly plans activities to promote the discussion of political issues on campus. Not surprisingly, many political science majors are members or leaders of the Hartwick Student Senate.

Putting Political Science to Work

Recent political science majors are pursuing advanced degrees (master's programs, Ph.D. programs, public policy, and law) at Cornell MPA, Cornell Law School, Albany Law School, Syracuse Law School, Pace Law School, University of Chicago, Indiana University, University of Connecticut, University of Minnesota, University of Maryland, Northeastern University, and elsewhere. Political science graduates have gone on to a wide range of careers. Among them are paralegals, a chief of staff for a New York State assemblyperson, professors, PEA administrators in federal agencies, a deputy at HUD in Washington, lawyers with the New York State Attorney's Office and New York City Prosecutor's Office, and with the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia.

Faculty

Political science faculty have significant teaching, publication, and research experience. Our professors enjoy their roles as teachers, mentors, and advisors, and often link their students with interesting programs or experts outside of Hartwick as the students prepare for graduation, graduate school, and careers.

Laurel Elder, Associate Professor; Ph.D., The Ohio State University. Areas of focus: American politics; political parties; elections; voting behavior; politics of race, gender, and ethnicity

Sara Rinfret, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., University of Northern Arizona. Areas of focus: American politics and policy, including environmental policy, state and local politics, public administration, and regulation

Amy Forster Rothbart, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison. Areas of focus: comparative politics and international relations, Russian, East European and Central Asian studies, international environmental policy

Mary Vanderlaan, Professor; Ph.D., Michigan State University. Areas of focus: international and comparative politics, U.S. and comparative foreign policy, women in development, Latin American and Caribbean politics, African politics, Middle East politics, politics and development in poor countries, political economy

Matthew Voorhees, Assistant Professor; Ph.D., Rutgers University. Areas of focus: history of political thought, American political thought, politics and the arts, democratic theory, jurisprudence, and constitutional law