The Ohio State University Department of Political Science studies governments, public policies and political processes, systems, and political behavior. Are you interested in American politics? International affairs? Strategies of war and peace? Political theories of freedom? Gun control, immigration, the environment, civil rights? If so, you belong in political science where you will learn to think critically and globally and acquire the skills necessary to be successful in the world.

POLITICAL SCIENCE IN ACTION

“My political science education prepared me for a career in understanding how institutions work. This foundation of understanding is one which any individual can leverage for their respective career paths. If that means management consulting - great, if that means continuing the research of institutions, organizational systems, institutional relations, etc. in political science - even better!”

Michael Cata (BA, political science and economics, 2013), business analytics consultant, IBM

AT A GLANCE
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
• BA, Political Science
• BS, Political Science
• BA, World Politics

GRADUATE PROGRAM
• PhD, Political Science

SPECIALIZATIONS
American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology, Political Theory

NATIONAL RANKINGS
International Relations (8th)
American Politics (10th)
Political Methodology (10th)

MINORS
• Campaigns and Elections
• Comparative Politics
• Judicial Politics
• Legal Foundations of Society
• Political Decision Making
• Political Science
• Political Theory
• World Politics
STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

COLLEGIATE COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS (CCWA)
Our CCWA student organization is ranked among the top 25 model UN teams in the country. Students can participate in Model UN, Model European Union, and Model African Union. CCWA sends members to intercollegiate model UN competitions around the country; 2014-2015 sites included Georgetown University, University of Pennsylvania, McGill University, Pennsylvania State University and University of Chicago.

UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL
The Journal of Politics and International Affairs is published twice a year by the Undergraduate Political Science Organization.

MOCK TRIAL
The Ohio State Mock Trial team has competed in the AMTA National Championships for the last two years in a row. The team travels to intercollegiate competitions and hosts an annual invitational at Ohio State.

STUDY ABROAD
Students in political science have the opportunity to be a part of more than 100 study abroad programs in more than 40 different countries. Three programs are exclusive partnerships through the department:

- The Institut D’Etudes Politiques De Paris (Sciences Po) in Paris, France, specializes in political science, economics, history, sociology, law, finance, business, communication, social and urban policy, management, and journalism
- The Canadian Parliament Internship Program is a five-week program during which interns work in the office of a Member of the Canadian Parliament
- The Department of External Studies of the University of Oxford provides students the opportunity to study a variety of subjects in the British tradition of lectures and tutorials

“MY CLASSES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE TAUGHT ME TO THINK AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN AND HELPED ME IMMEASURABLY AS I ADAPTED TO MY WORK IN CHINA.”
(Andrea Blinkhorn, 2012-2013 Fellow for Teach for China)

CAREERS AND ALUMNI
Join an incredible and diverse group of students that hail from around the country and globe. With a political science degree, you have the skills to pursue a career in a variety of fields including law, education, business, and federal, state or local government. Here are some of our graduates:

Honorable Colleen McMahon, United States District Judge
John R. Kasich, Governor of Ohio
Michael S. Ansari, Founder, Chairman and CEO, MIC Industries, Inc.
Daniel Aharoni, senior partner and immigration attorney, Daniel Aharoni & Partners LLP
Carter G. Phillips, partner, Sidley Austin LLP
Alison Storsve, State Department Foreign Service Officer
Scott Mastic, regional director of Middle East and North Africa, International Republican Institute
Jim Baird, managing communications director, Peace & Security Collaborative at ReThink Media
Soraya Rofagha, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor, University of California, San Francisco
Ellen Costigan, Doctors without Borders

Alumnus Pranav Reddy