

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

An overview of the department and its offerings. For further information, visit the website at www.moravian.edu/polisci.

The department of political science provides a comprehensive set of theoretical and empirical strategies for understanding political experience with all its complexities. The department seeks to transform students in a way that prepares them both for leadership in their chosen field and for moral and political engagement in the world. The department is dedicated to learning more about global peace and justice within an explicitly interdisciplinary approach.

Strong, Personalized Academic Majors

The department of political science offers four distinct disciplines of political knowledge seeking and analysis: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The curriculum emphasizes the ability to recognize, evaluate, and debate those fundamental human issues, power differentials, and diverse actors that have shaped political institutions, practices, and texts.

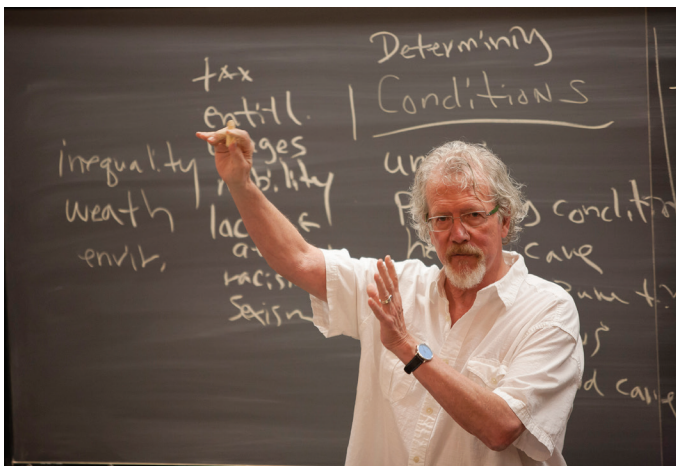
Faculty members have achieved their Ph.D.s in the field of political science, and each member of the department routinely draws upon and exposes students to areas of expertise beyond catalog course descriptions. Narrow, esoteric specialization is discouraged; our faculty are comfortable teaching in a wide range of topics. Three teachers in the department grew up in other countries, and weave a welcome cosmopolitan dimension into their courses and out-of-class contacts with our students.



The department offers a variety of courses including introduction to political thinking, international politics: how the world works, American constitutional law, environmental policy, politics of women's rights in East Asia, topics in the politics of the third world, energy policy, and many more.

The major in political science consists of ten course units, of which four are required. Students must also select one advanced course, at the 200 level or above. Two of the remaining three courses required for the major are to be electives at the 300 level. Political science majors are encouraged to take courses in other areas of the social sciences and in statistics. Students majoring in political science are well-prepared to pursue graduate training in a variety of fields, including public policy, law, journalism, political science and related social science fields. Students who choose to minor in political science must complete five course units, two from among political science and three additional courses selected with the approval of the advisor.

Although many political science departments have shifted to large introductory courses with little teacher-student interaction and multiple-choice tests, the Moravian faculty hold fast to the ideals of a liberal arts education. They also continue to assign papers and essay exams because they are convinced that these are essential to their students' intellectual development.





When asked, political science majors are enthusiastic about the quality of the teaching in the political science department, the scope of their professors' knowledge, the systematic efforts of all department faculty to challenge them to think deeply, develop research skills, comprehend the grounds for their beliefs, and to argue forcefully to defend their positions.

Critical inquiry into the momentous and controversial issues of our time is the abiding hallmark within our political science classrooms. Our students are required to examine received political wisdom, even when that is personally challenging and, at times, uncomfortable.

Students will leave Moravian College more personally and politically aware and with a sense of moral engagement, with an informed commitment to taking on the world. We seek to transform students in a way that prepares them for leadership in their chosen field and for moral and political engagement in the world.

Hands-On Learning

The department of political science offers a variety of opportunities for students to gain field experience through special topics courses, independent studies, field studies and Honors projects. Each offers additional ways for the students to engage and further their understanding.

Unquestionably, studying politics is a highly respected academic discipline and a gratifying way of understanding how the world works. We want students to understand what governments do (and for whom) but it is essential to grasp how their lives intersect with politics in a much larger and deeper sense. When understood in this way, we believe that one's politics are an essential part of one's core identity.

Alumni Careers in Political Science

- Armando Chapelliquen '12 is a project coordinator with the New York Public Interest Research Group.
- Amanda Logan '06 is a strategic advisor for the office of the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, D.C.
- Scott Williams '04 is the vice president of the Men's Health Network in Washington, D.C.
- Sean Richardson '97 is a lobbyist at Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart in Washington, D.C.
- Candace Young '95 is a senior associate for The Food Trust in Philadelphia.
- Chris Reenock '94 is an associate professor of political science in the College of Social Science and Public Policy at Florida State University.
- Kim Karcewshi Vargo '93 is an attorney with the law firm of Goodwin Procter in Washington, D.C.
- David Zinczenko '91 is the consulting editorial director for American Media, Inc., and the founder and CEO of a new media venture called Galvanized Brands.
- Judith Grant '79 is a professor in the department of political science at Ohio University.
- William Grover '78 is a professor of political science at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.
- John Morganelli '77 is the district attorney for Northampton County, Pa.
- Fred Rooney '75 is an attorney and current Fulbright scholar at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

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Moravian College stood for
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
As the sixth-oldest college in America,
we believe everyone is born with an innate love of learning.

Our mission is to set it free.

To every student of every circumstance,
we promise the power of the liberal arts,
a whole wide world of experience,
and a deeper enjoyment of life.

Pursue them all with passion.