Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Prepare to be a leader in today’s political arena.

THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY ADVANTAGE
Rivier’s Political Science program prepares you for a career in a variety of fields such as a civil servant, diplomat, politician, journalist, and academic, as well as advanced education in areas such as law.

At Rivier, academic excellence is offered and great achievement is expected. You will transform yourself through engaging classroom interaction, powerful study abroad experiences, challenging internships and life-changing community service. Our mission—‘transforming hearts and minds to serve the world’—ensures that you will find a rich global experience in our vibrant campus community. Faculty members bring real-world experience to their classrooms and are dedicated to the success of every student.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
In the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program, students will acquire the reading, research, analysis, and writing skills as well as the work habits necessary to succeed in any profession that requires analytical problem-solving and clarity of expression. Rivier’s Political Science majors reach across the globe by studying United States politics in a global context and develop a sophisticated understanding of the topics, issues and politics of our times and their historical roots.

ACCESS THE WORLD
Internships, study abroad, and co-curricular opportunities
Political Science majors are encouraged to take on an internship in a local, regional, national, or international political campaign. Rivier’s location in southern New Hampshire, the first-in-the-nation state, offers the advantage of direct exposure to many political candidates and their campaigns. Students can participate in Rivier’s Model United Nations group, which researches and discusses various countries and political issues in preparation for a yearly conference held at Harvard University. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in various study abroad opportunities ranging from faculty-led week-long study tours to entire semesters abroad spent at a university abroad.

CAREERS
Whether it is academia, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, legal practice, government, or the media—the Political Science program provides graduates with the foundational skills for nearly any future career. The intensive preparation helps students meet high expectations.

Graduates from the Political Science program might pursue a career with or in:

- Government
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), both home and abroad
- The media
- U.S. agencies such as the Peace Corps
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Service

- Law
- Academia
- Consulting

Graduates are also well prepared to pursue graduate studies in law, business, international relations and other fields. To meet the opportunities and challenges posed by an increasingly interdependent world, Rivier University’s Career Development Center (CDC) is committed to helping students on their path to become leaders in a global society.
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
POL 300 - Three electives  
POL 400 - Two electives  
HIS 101 - United States History I  
HIS 102 - United States History II  
HIS 203 - Interactions: the West in the World I  
or  
HIS 204 - Interactions: the West in the World II  
POL 250 - Introduction to Political Science  
POL 252 - U.S. Federal, State and Local Government  
POL 294 - International Relations and Politics  
POL 495 - Internship  

CHOOSE TWO ELECTIVES FROM  
THE FOLLOWING:  
BUS 224 - Principles of Macroeconomics  
BUS 225 - Principles of Microeconomics  
HIS 375 - Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich

ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION  
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