



Rivier UNIVERSITY

B.A. Political Science

Become a public policy leader in support of our democracy.

Why Study Political Science at Rivier?

Our B.A. in Political Science degree provides a sophisticated understanding of global politics and power.

Build Your Knowledge Base

Rivier's Political Science program focuses on the political, historical, and economic power structures that form the framework of contemporary life. The curriculum develops strong critical thinking, data analysis, and ethical reasoning skills and provides you with knowledge and comparative perspectives on current and past political events in the U.S. and around the world.

Gain Real-World Experience

The program goes beyond the theory and ideology with experiential learning opportunities, having you apply what you've learned to real-world situations. As a Political Science major, you'll complete one career-focused internship; students have interned for political campaigns, non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups. Study abroad trips, clubs, and co-curricular events offer learning and leadership activities outside of the classroom including Rivier's Model United Nations team, which researches and discusses various countries and political issues in preparation for an annual conference held at Harvard University.

Begin Your Career

Political Science major graduates may pursue careers in:

- Law
- Government and U.S. agencies, such as the Peace Corps
- Homeland Security or Foreign Service
- Journalism
- Academia

Advanced Degrees

Graduates are well prepared for graduate study; many pursue master's degrees in a variety of disciplines or attend law school.



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Journeys of Transformation

Rivier University's core curriculum, titled Journeys of Transformation, aligns with the American Association of College & Universities essential learning outcomes. Coursework focuses on developing strong intellectual and practical skills for workforce success, and offers opportunities for service learning, servant leadership, and civic engagement to enhance leadership abilities.

Major Requirements

Political Science Courses

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 300 - Three Electives

POL 400 - Two Electives

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

General Elective Courses

Students complete a minimum of 36 credits/twelve 3-credit courses. Electives include, but are not limited to, Women in Politics; Comparative Parties, Elections, and Voting Behavior; Democratic Transition; and Modern China.

Minor in Political Science

A minor in Political Science is available to students. Please visit Rivier's undergraduate academic catalog online for requirements.

Innovative

Employment Promise Program

Rivier's Employment Promise Program enhances the career preparation and employability of students in all academic disciplines. The program includes mentorship through Rivier's Career Development Center, career investment goals, and a specialized, four-year academic/professional development plan that incorporates experiences proven to increase overall employability and success in the job search process.

Confidence in the quality of a Rivier education enables the University to ensure invested students will secure employment within nine months of graduation. If not, the University will provide the student additional financial or educational support. Get more information at rivier.edu/epp.

You're Invited

Attend a virtual or on-campus event, or schedule an individual campus tour for you and your family. You can access a complete listing of events and register online at events.rivier.edu or call us at (603) 897-8507.

Academic Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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