

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Career Paths

The B.A. in Political Science program emphasizes the development of key intellectual skills, ingraining the habits of questioning, debating, challenging, and shaping coherent and persuasive arguments. You'll be expected to master effective writing, speaking, and reasoning, and conduct upper-level research in public affairs—skills that are impressive to future employers. Penn State Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

Careers

Employers of recent Penn State Behrend B.A. in Political Science graduates include the FBI, CIA, U.S. State Department, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Pennsylvania General Assembly, and NASA. Recent Political Science graduates work as attorneys for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Michigan Attorney General, The Nature Conservancy, and GEICO, and in policy positions at Toyota Motors, Erie Insurance, and the Center for Naval Analyses. Other recent graduates work in education at the University of California, Los Angeles, University of Notre Dame, University of Connecticut, and in many secondary schools.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/political-science/>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Recent Penn State Behrend Political Science alumni have attended the law schools at Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh, New York University, George Washington University, University of Illinois, and Boston College. Other recent graduates have pursued graduate degrees in fields such as public policy and international relations at the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Pepperdine University, China's Fudan University, and England's Cambridge University.

If you are interested in a teaching career, you can fast-track your completion of Pennsylvania teacher certification in middle-level or secondary social studies through Penn State Behrend's agreement with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (<https://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs/political-science/curriculum/social-studies-teacher-certification/>).

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Professional Resources

- American Political Science Association (<https://www.apsanet.org/>)
- American Society for Public Administration (<https://www.aspanet.org/>)
- United Nations Public Administration Network (<https://unpan.un.org/>)