## THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



### POLITICAL SCIENCE PREPARES LAWYERS, LEADERS, POLICY MAKERS, PROBLEM SOLVERS, AND ADVOCATES

We study political events and phenomena, from the global arena to local and grassoots politics. Through classes and applied learning, students gain essential research, writing, communication, and professional skills, preparing them for careers in government and the public sector, nonprofits, legal fields, higher education, and the corporate world.



### WHY STUDY POLITICAL SCIENCE AT EIU?

- Small classes encourage discussion and critical thinking.
- All majors develop practical professional skills and networks through internships, government simulations, study abroad, and undergraduate research.
- All students develop professional career and research skills from their 1st year forum class through their senior capstone class.
- Flexible study plans allow students to pursue doublemajors and minors.
- Qualified majors can earn a BA and MA in 5 years through our Accelerated Graduate Program or participate in a joint BA/JD program with Northern Illinois University.

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### **UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES:**



### **FAST FACTS:**

- On average, 40% of graduates attend law school or graduate school.
- Our majors are ready for careers in growing fields, including government agency management/analysis, nonprofit organization management, and urban and regional planning.
- Internships with local and state agencies and nonprofits help students develop professional skills and networks.
- Students learn through simulations Moot Court, Model Illinois Government, and Model United Nations.
- Advanced public administration classes provide students with unique technical advantages when applying for jobs and graduate school.

### **POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

- + Ideal for students with broad interests in American politics, international relations, comparative politics, political theory, and law
- + For those interested in government and corporate careers, including law school and graduate school

### CIVIC & NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP OPTION

- + Emphasizes US public administration, public policy, and nonprofits
- + Gain valuable technical skills, such as public budgeting and Geographic Information Systems
- + For those interested in the public sector, nonprofit, and urban planning careers

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OPTION**

- + Emphasizes international relations and comparative politics, including interdisciplinary courses and World Languages
- + For those interested in careers in global politics, diplomacy, development, and advocacy

# READY TO TALK ABOUT INTERESTING & IMPORTANT TOPICS? SO ARE WE! OUR COURSES INCLUDE:

- The American Presidency
- Religion & Politics in the United States
- Criminal Law
- African-American Politics
- International Terrorism
- Classic Political Theory
- International Organizations

- American Political Thought
- Civil Liberties
- Human Rights & International Law
- Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Environmental Politics
  & Policy