Our political science majors do more than study politics—they actively participate in it. The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science is ideal for students ready to get to work from day one.

The Department of Political Science is the ideal home for students interested in politics, international affairs and important issues like health care, the environment and civil rights. You’ll study political theory and debate how power and resources should be allocated in society. Through research-oriented courses, you’ll learn how scholars, advocates, interest groups and policymakers collect and analyze data. The political science curriculum challenges students to critically evaluate the rights and responsibilities of citizens living in a democracy while also teaching writing and analytical skills—valuable tools you can apply across a variety of careers as you work to make a difference.

Temple political science majors acquire a strong foundation in each of the discipline’s four distinct subfields: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

• BA in Political Science
• Minor in Political Science
• Minor in Public Policy
• Undergraduate Certificate in Political Economy
• MA in Political Science
• Accelerated +1 BA in Political Science/Master of Public Policy (MPP)
• Master of Public Policy
• PhD in Political Science

TAKE PART IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Through Temple’s Washington Semester program, students earn college credit while interning in a variety of federal and international organizations.

For students interested in staying in PA, The Capital Semester program is offered at Temple’s Harrisburg Campus. Program participants have earned competitive internship placements while taking courses that connect directly to their major in any discipline at Temple.

Students looking to learn about Philadelphia’s political systems while creating a local impact can apply to Intern at City Hall for course credit while continuing their studies at Temple’s Main Campus.

The Department of Political Science offers students paid research opportunities on topics related to faculties’ diverse interests including solutions to gun violence, the burdens of criminal record processing, and civil wars, among others.

Many political science students study abroad at Temple University campuses in Oviedo, Rome, and Tokyo. Temple University Japan offers the full range of political science courses and the Rome program offers internationally oriented internships.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EFFECT CHANGE

Our program prepares students for wherever their ambition takes them next. A diverse course curriculum and real-world learning experiences create strong candidates for careers in advocacy and legal services, community organizations, government affairs, public and social services, unions and industry associations, domestic and foreign policy research, political analysis, consulting and communication, and domestic and international NGOs.
At the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), students have access to more than just great classes. Our urban setting provides **countless experiential learning opportunities** outside the classroom like internships, research endeavors with faculty and community engagement. These experiences **empower our students** to continue developing their skill sets, pursuing their interests and growing into tomorrow’s leaders in challenging and rewarding career paths.

**INTERNSHIPS**

Internships impart valuable skills that are extensions of those taught in the classroom. CLA is committed to enhancing students’ professionalism and assisting them in obtaining internships. Visit the **Joyce K. Salzberg Center for Professional Development** for internship resources dedicated solely to liberal arts students.

**COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING**

Community-engaged Learning (CEL) is a collaboration between students, faculty and community stakeholders to address a community-identified need.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Undergraduate research opportunities at CLA range from developing an independent project to partnering with a faculty member or working with a university lab or group.

**STUDY ABROAD**

Studying abroad can be one of the most transformative experiences you’ll have as a college student. Temple University students have many opportunities to study abroad through our international campuses in Rome and Japan, foreign exchange programs and external partnerships.

**DEADLINES**

**NOVEMBER 1:**
- Transfer Application Deadline for Spring
- Early Action First-year Application Deadline for Fall

**FEBRUARY 1:**
- First-year Application Deadline for Fall
- FAFSA Financial Aid Application Deadline

**MAY 1:**
- FAFSA Financial Aid Application Deadline
- Housing and Tuition Deposit Deadline

**JUNE 1:**
- Transfer Application Deadline for Fall

**WHAT YOU SEE ISN’T ALWAYS WHAT YOU PAY.**

That's why the College of Liberal Arts is committed to keeping tuition low—in fact, we are one of the few colleges within Temple University that **does not charge a tuition differential**. Our priority is to help you graduate with **less student debt**.

For more information on Temple University tuition and financial aid, visit Student Financial Services at [sfs.temple.edu](http://sfs.temple.edu)

**LEARN MORE**

Have more questions about the College of Liberal Arts? Connect with CLA Enrollment staff, faculty and current students virtually, on campus or both!

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**TRANSFERRING?**

Whether transferring has always been a part of your plan or you suddenly find yourself ready to make a change, the College of Liberal Arts offers flexibility to help you accomplish your goals as efficiently as possible.

To learn more about transferring to Temple, please visit [liberalarts.temple.edu/transfer](http://liberalarts.temple.edu/transfer) or email us at clatransfer@temple.edu.

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