





Political Science // MAJOR MAP

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science



Southwest Baptist
UNIVERSITY

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	CAREER POSSIBILITIES
 <i>Grow</i> ACADEMICALLY	<p>Investigate introductory courses like HIS 1113 Introduction to the History of World Civilization I, POL 1113 American Government and Politics, and POL 2223 American State and Local Government.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know the professors and students.</p>	<p>Explore career goals with your advisor and consider a double major or adding a minor.</p> <p>General Education requirements should be finished by the end of this year. Begin exploring internship opportunities and volunteering for a campaign.</p>	<p>Continue engaging in your major with classes such as POL 4563 The Supreme Court and Constitutional Development, POL 4883 Political Philosophy, and POL 4453 Congress and the Legislative Process.</p>	<p>POL 4673 The American Presidency, POL 4003 Public Administration, and POL 4983 Internship in Political Science will bring your academic experiences together and prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.</p>	<p>Attorney</p> <p>Policy Analyst</p> <p>Legislative Analyst</p> <p>Public Policy Analyst</p> <p>Management Analyst</p> <p>Environmental Policy Analyst</p> <p>Foreign Service Officer</p> <p>Public Relations Specialist</p> <p>Social Media Manager</p> <p>Marketing Research Analyst</p> <p>Political Consultant</p> <p>Intelligence Analyst</p> <p>Political Campaign Manager</p> <p>Lobbyist</p> <p>Government Official</p> <p>Business Development Officer</p> <p>Community Relations Director</p> <p>Legal Assistant</p>
 <i>Pursue</i> SERVANT LEADERSHIP	<p>Participate in student organizations and professional associations like College Republicans, College Democrats, and Young Americans for Liberty.</p>	<p>Take more responsibility in your extra-curricular activities.</p> <p>Engage in your student organization and consider a leadership role.</p> <p>Consider volunteering for a campaign and being involved in one or more political clubs.</p>	<p>Demonstrate servant-leadership by making new members feel welcome and pursuing leader/officer positions in your organization.</p>	<p>Spread the word about what clubs/organizations/events you have enjoyed and help others to get connected on campus.</p>	
 <i>Embrace</i> OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY	<p>Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections to learn about global service opportunities.</p> <p>Be involved by attending local government meetings and functions, volunteering in a local campaign, and participating in local civic events.</p>	<p>Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.</p> <p>Embrace a global society through courses, student organizations, and engaging in mission trips.</p>	<p>Explore the history, government, and politics of other cultures through courses such as: African History and Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Ancient Roman Politics, and Ancient Greek Politics.</p>	<p>Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation.</p>	
 <i>Plan for</i> YOUR FUTURE	<p>Develop good reading habits, strong writing skills, and confidence in public speaking.</p> <p>Become familiar with the basic structures and processes of American government, so you can hold intelligent conversations on topics without having to check the Internet for basic details.</p>	<p>Volunteering with campaigns, involvement in college political parties, and pursuing an internship will give you experience and help you make connections in the political world.</p> <p>Begin building your résumé by keeping track of all clubs and organizations. Continue this through your college career.</p>	<p>Consider the option of continued education by pursuing graduate or law school.</p> <p>Explore options you have for internships by attending career fairs and building your career network.</p>	<p>Identify and ask individuals if they will write letters of reference/recommendation for you.</p> <p>Finalize your résumé and cover letter.</p>	