



Hood College

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GLOBAL STUDIES

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A degree in political science, global studies or law and criminal justice can prepare you for graduate school, law school or a career in government, public administration, community advocacy, education, journalism, nonprofit organizations or international business. In all of our programs, you will have access to hands-on learning opportunities, such as internships, study abroad, the Model United Nations and the Maryland Student Legislature, through which you can earn academic credit.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science courses cover four focus areas: U.S. politics and policy; comparative politics and international relations; law; and political theory. You will be encouraged to take courses in each of these subjects to prepare you for a variety of careers in the public or private sectors. The political science major provides you with an introduction to decision making at various levels of government, an understanding of public policy formation, and the correlation between political and economic problems. You will gain experience in research and the world of politics, with a solid foundation in critical thinking and writing.

CHANGE STARTS
WITH YOU.



The Department of Political Science and Global Studies at Hood College is truly special. The department played an outsized role in preparing me for graduate school, while also providing me with the skills and a foundation in politics that I was able to translate into an internship in Washington, D.C.

—NOAH HERSH '24
Political Science Major



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PROGRAMS

- Political Science (B.A.)
- Global Studies (B.A.)
- Law and Criminal Justice (B.A.)
 - Law Concentration
 - Criminal Justice Concentration
- Criminology and Delinquency Minor
- Global Studies Minor
- Nonprofit and Civic Engagement Studies Minor
- Political Science Minor

GLOBAL STUDIES

By its very definition, a global studies major is interdisciplinary. You will study language, political science, economics, art and art history, philosophy, religion, history, sociology and anthropology. You will have life-changing opportunities to study abroad and take part in a global studies internship. You will immerse yourself in diverse cultures and the global issues confronting our society. As a global studies major, you will confront the realities of the world and become a knowledgeable global citizen.

LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The law and criminal justice major offers two unique components. The law component prepares you for law school and careers in the legal profession, such as prosecutor, defense attorney and judge. The criminal justice component focuses on criminal behavior and the operation of the criminal justice system, which can be applied to careers in law enforcement, government, social justice and nonprofits. You will have access to our moot courtroom, an interactive space for simulating criminal trials and for appellate legal proceedings.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Hood's location offers numerous internship opportunities with local, state and federal government agencies.

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Amnesty International
- Children's Defense Fund
- Frederick City/County Government
- Maryland Attorney General
- Maryland State Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives
- The White House

Hood participates in the Washington Semester Program with American University, where students live in the residence halls, take a course and complete an extensive internship program during their junior or senior year.

The Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) provides real-world civics education through legislative simulation experiences with other college students from across Maryland.

The Model United Nations is an organization designed to spread awareness of the United Nations and its mission. Model UN seeks to foster collaborative problem solving through diverse, engaged student membership. The organization attends two conferences a year, typically in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

The Shirley Conner Hardinge Center for Global and International Studies enhances the teaching, learning and research of global issues at Hood College. The center prepares you to pursue internships, study abroad experiences, departmental honors papers, curricular initiatives and other co-curricular activities.

CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, GLOBAL STUDIES, AND LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Political science, global studies, and law and criminal justice majors enjoy strong employment outcomes and work in a wide array of sectors, including government, public service, education, healthcare, private practice, communications and research.

- Congressional Aide
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Federal Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Liaison
- Grant Writer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Judicial Clerk
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Lobbyist
- Paralegal
- Public Affairs Adviser
- Public Policy Specialist





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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

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