BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts in POLITICAL SCIENCE

Be the Change You Want to See.

The Political Science program is designed to provide students with the knowledge of political theories and concepts, governmental institutions and political processes. The program primarily focuses on analytical reasoning, research, communication, decision-making and analysis of data. Political science faculty have experience in leading-edge fields within the discipline, with students able to take courses in East Asian politics and in the interdisciplinary field of political psychology. The political science curriculum offers the background and preparation for students planning to enter law school, graduate school or employment in the public and private sectors. The political science program also prepares students to be responsible and engaged citizens within their communities.

PERSONAL

Our students can expect to form a personal relationship with our faculty. Most upper-level seminars are small, around 5-10 students, allowing for in-depth discussions and one-on-one mentorship.

PRACTICAL

The skills developed in the major are applicable to a wide variety of fields in the public and private sectors. Our students will hone their analytical and communication skills, as well as gain hands-on experience analyzing data.

PURPOSE-DRIVEN

Politics is about making collective decisions with broad impact. Our students will learn to create positive change in whatever career that they pursue, whether in politics, law, or industry.

CAREER AREAS:

- Law
- Government
- Politics
- Data Analytics
- Journalism
- Education

PAY TRENDS:

The median annual wage* for the **Social Science** field of degree is:

**Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Not entry level - varies based on location, education and experience. Recent graduates would need to earn experience and advance in career to earn a higher salary.*

"I have met amazing staff and excelled in all classes with the help of my amazing instructors. NC Wesleyan superseded my expectations and has allowed me to flourish. You will leave knowing these years were truly rewarding, and you'll not only gain a degree but a family as well."

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Minor in Political Science available.

General Graduation Guidelines:

- Total of 120 semester hours, 39 of which must be numbered 300 or 400 (Other programs may require coursework beyond 120 semester hours)
- At least 9 semester hours of courses designated as writing intensive
- A declared major
- A cumulative GPA average of C (2.00) and at least a C average in the graduation major

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM UNIQUE:

- **Coursework at the Forefront of Contemporary Politics:** We offer courses that are directly relevant to modern political trends and political science scholarship. Students may take courses on topics such as: a) political misinformation, to better navigate the modern information environment; b) East Asian politics, to gain broader understanding of a region that is of increasing political importance; and c) political psychology, to learn how people think about politics and these beliefs guide their decision-making.
- **One-on-One Mentoring and Advising:** You will be advised by one of our full-time faculty members in political science. We work to provide individualized mentoring to our students, aligned with their career goals. Interested students are encouraged to work with a faculty member on research during their final year of study, particularly if they are interested in graduate school.
- **Small Seminars:** Our upper-level seminar courses typically contain ten or fewer students. This provides an opportunity for students to engage in deep discussion with their peers and instructors. These also provide opportunities for meaningful debates on important issues.
- **Data Analytics:** In our research methods courses, students analyze real data using relevant statistical software. Students who enjoy this work are provided with opportunities to continue to sharpen their data analytic skills and may choose to add an additional major or minor in related fields. Data analytics is one of the fastest growing career categories, and our graduates will be well prepared for additional study or entry-level careers in these roles.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

Applying to NC Wesleyan is as easy as **1-2-3**. You will have direct contact with a personal admissions counselor who will assist you every step of the way.

- Apply online for FREE
- Submit your high school transcript (*2.5 GPA or higher)*
- Complete your FAFSA at ***studentaid.gov*** *(School code is 002951)*

When we receive your application and transcript, we will provide you with an admissions decision and which scholarships you may be qualified to receive.

For more information on admission requirements, visit ***ncwu.edu/admissions****.*

APPLY TODAY!
Scan the QR code to fill out your ***FREE*** *application.*

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