

# **III. POLITICS**

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## The Program

The politics major introduces students to the major sub-fields of this discipline-American and Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory-all within the context of a rigorous liberal arts education. By creating an intimate and collegial learning environment, one placing a premium on individual student initiative, the Department of Politics produces intellectually agile, socially fluent and self-confident graduates.

Politics majors nurture the analytical, verbal, and written abilities that are the hallmark of the liberal arts. Our faculty encourage students to think independently, to tolerate opposing points of view, and to develop an abiding concern for public life in the interest of social justice. Moreover, the study of politics is an especially useful means of understanding the forces of globalization-the power relationships responsible for an increasingly integrated world. The Department of Politics aims to educate students for democracy, for thoughtful and meaningful participation in the political process. As students of political science our task is to interpret the world *and* to change it.

## Study Abroad and Internships

Our faculty members strongly advise students to leave Messiah for at least one term in order to gain practical experience and perspective. The opportunities are considerable: Internships in state and federal government, in law offices and judges' chambers, and with various interest groups; off-campus study is available in Washington, England, France, Germany, Spain, Greece, Egypt, China, and Russia, among other locations.

## Careers

Today's graduates can reasonably expect to change jobs, even careers, several times over the course of their working years. An undergraduate education in politics is excellent preparation for this necessary flexibility in employment. Recruiters look for individuals who are wellspoken, can do thorough research, and can think clearly; companies can teach the specific technical skills they require, but they cannot compensate for the essential qualities that make for bright and articulate employees.

Consequently, our students have found significant success in the world of work. Among the jobs they have secured: attorney, city planner, social psychologist, foreign-service officer, budget analyst, university professor, interest group administrator, congressional staffer-one alumnus is even a golf course architect! The range of vocations suggests the potential of the major. And though we cannot make promises, there is published survey evidence that within ten years of graduation students with degrees in the social sciences achieve higher status positions within the workplace, earn higher incomes, and express greater career satisfaction than do their peers with degrees in scientific and technical fields of study.

## Political Studies and International Relations Concentrations

Students who major in politics choose one of two concentrations: Political Studies or International Relations.

The Political Studies concentration is anchored in a comprehensive politics curriculum. Students taking this option are expected to develop competencies in each of the four subfields of the major. The track is appropriate for students interested in graduate school in politics and law as well as a wide variety of careers.

The International Relations concentration is interdisciplinary in content. Centered in the politics major, it is designed specifically to prepare students for careers and graduate study in international affairs. The track provides instruction in the concepts and theories of world politics, while also giving students a solid grounding in history and economics.

## **Law School Preparation**

Messiah College offers curriculum counseling through the Department of Politics for students planning a career in law. Individualized strategies help students prepare for the Law School Entrance Examination (LSAT) and entry into law school. Extracurricular activities, including a law practicum, further orient students to the legal professions. Moreover, a pre-law minor is available for interested students who are not Politics majors. Ninety percent of our graduates who apply to law school are accepted. Among the institutions admitting Messiah students: Harvard University, Yale University, New York University, Georgetown University, University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University, Columbia University, and University of Michigan.

## **Carnegie-Mellon / Messiah MS in Public Policy and Management**

Qualified students interested in pursuing graduate school in public policy are eligible to participate in an accelerated program in conjunction with Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy and Management. Students participating in this program complete three years of academic work at Messiah College followed by two years of graduate work at the Heinz School. At the end of the five year program the student receives a B.A. in Politics from Messiah College and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University. Students applying to this program must be approved by the Messiah program coordinator and meet all Carnegie Mellon Heinz School admission requirements.

## **Environmental Studies**

Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary major for students preparing for a career in environmental law or environmental public policy. It provides students with scientific knowledge as well as comprehension of the institutions and processes in which policy decisions are crafted and implemented. The major offers a choice of concentrations in two areas: Public Policy and Pre-Environmental Law. Both areas offer a strong background for students planning to enter law/graduate school or for post-graduation employment at the interface of environmental science and policy. The major is jointly administered by the Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Politics.

## Planning Your Academic Program

In planning your program at Messiah, turn to the Politics section in the catalog to find an example of one of the department's majors. The actual courses required are those listed under Major Requirements. They are also listed on the checklist in this handbook. For the politics major no more than nine credits may be earned through internships, co-ops, programs or practica. To help you plan, the following list of major courses is offered; typically, courses are scheduled as indicated.

### EVERY YEAR

#### Fall Semester

Politics Seminar  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Politics in Canada  
Research Methods in Politics  
History of Political Thought

#### Both Semesters

American Government  
Pre-Law Practicum  
Politics Practicum

#### Spring Semester

International Politics  
Comparative Politics

### ALTERNATE YEARS

#### Fall Semester

Political Parties & Elections  
American Political Thought  
American Constitutional Law  
Theories of International Relations  
Public Opinion  
American Presidency  
Women, Family, and Politics  
U.S. Foreign Policies

#### Spring Semester

Terrorism  
Ethnic and Racial Politics in America  
Politics in Film  
Topics in Constitutional Civil Liberties  
Politics in the United Kingdom  
Russia After Communism  
Congress  
Latin American Politics  
Public Policy  
Representation and Democracy

### **Remember:**

1. Completion of all major and general education requirements with a minimum of a total of 123 credit hours.
2. The last 24 credits preceding graduation must be earned at Messiah College.
3. To continue at Messiah, you will need to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.80 for the first two semesters, 1.90 for the next two semesters, and 2.00 thereafter. A 2.00 minimum GPA is required for graduation.
4. All students are required to take and pass the English Proficiency Test.

## Guideline for Mathematical Sciences Courses

There is no specific math course required for this major. We recommend students enroll in STAT 269, students may alternately enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 107, or COSC 171 in their first year, unless you have had a precalculus course in which case they should consider MATH 108.

### **Students with Advanced Placement credit:**

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics should go to the math department's website (<http://www.messiah.edu/acdept/depthome/mathsci/APCredit.htm>) to find out how credit is awarded for your scores.

# Politics with International Relations Concentration

(Department of Politics)

*General Education requirements on reverse side*

## Major Requirements

<u>Major Requirements*</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[ECON 110] Economics of Social Issues	3	_____
[POLI 113] American Government	3	_____
[POLI 204] History of Political Thought	3	_____
[POLI 212] International Politics	3	_____
[POLI 213] Comparative Politics	3	_____
[POLI 243] Political Research Methods	3	_____
[POLI 494] Politics Seminar	3	_____
<b>International Relations Concentration</b>		
[ECON 210] Contemporary Economics	3	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
[ECON 312] Economic Development (3)		_____
[IBUS 375] International Business and World Economy (3)		_____
One of the following:	3	_____
[HIST 322] Modern Europe: 1789-1918 (3)		_____
[HIST 323] Europe in the 20th Century (3)		_____
[HIST 332] Modern Germany (3)		_____
[HIST 372] Modern Civilizations of Asia (3)		_____
[HIST 374] History of Modern India and Pakistan (3)		_____
Any other approved European or non-Western HIST course (3)		_____
Four of the following:	12	_____
[HIST 362] U.S. Foreign Policy (3)		_____
[POLI 222] Politics in Latin America (3)		_____
[POLI 342] Politics in Canada (3)		_____
[POLI 346] Russia After Communism (3)		_____
[POLI 348] Politics of the United Kingdom (3)		_____
[POLI 360] Special Topics in Politics (3)		_____
[POLI 362] Theories of International Relations	3	_____
Twelve credits of additional POLI courses	12	_____

\*Nine credits is the maximum number of internship/practica credits that can apply toward the Politics major. This maximum includes any courses or experiential credit earned as a part of a semester-long off-campus program.

# Politics with International Relations Concentration

(Department of Politics)

*Major requirements on reverse side*

## General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
First Year Seminar	3	_____
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences	3 or 4	_____
Laboratory Science	3 or 4	_____
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:	6	_____
Social Science (3 credits – [POLI 113])		met by major
European History (3 credits)		_____
United States History (3 credits)		_____
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies	2 or 3	_____
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society (3 credits)		_____
Writing Enriched Course		_____

**SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

General Education	53-56
Major Core Requirements	21
Concentration Requirements	36
Free Electives	10-13
Total	123

# Politics with Political Studies Concentration

(Department of Politics)

General Education requirements on reverse side

## Major Requirements

<u>Major Courses*</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[POLI 113] American Government	3	_____
[POLI 204] History of Political Thought	3	_____
[POLI 212] International Politics	3	_____
[POLI 213] Comparative Politics	3	_____
[POLI 243] Political Research Methods	3	_____
[POLI 494] Politics Seminar	3	_____
[ECON 110] Economics of Social Issues	3	_____

### Political Studies Concentration

Thirty (30) credits selected from additional POLI courses or [HIST 362] \_\_\_\_\_

\*Nine credits is the maximum number of internship/practica credits that can apply toward the Politics major. This maximum includes any courses or experiential credit earned as a part of a semester-long off-campus program.

# Politics with Political Studies Concentration

(Department of Politics)  
*Major requirements on reverse side*

## General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
First Year Seminar	3	_____
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences	3 or 4	_____
Laboratory Science	3 or 4	_____
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:	6	_____
Social Science (3 credits – [POLI 113])		met by major
European History (3 credits)		_____
United States History (3 credits)		_____
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies	2 or 3	_____
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society (3 credits)		_____
Writing Enriched Course		_____

### SUMMARY OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

General Education	53-56
Major Core Requirements	21
Concentration Requirements	30
Free Electives	16-19
Total	123

# Politics with Political Studies

## MS in Public Policy & Management - Carnegie Mellon University

(Department of Politics)

*General Education requirements on reverse side*

### Major Requirements

<u>Messiah College Course Requirements (3 years)</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
[ECON 110] Economics of Social Issues	3	_____
[POLI 113] American Government	3	_____
[POLI 204] History of Political Thought	3	_____
[POLI 212] International Politics	3	_____
[POLI 213] Comparative Politics	3	_____
[POLI 243] Political Research Methods	3	_____
[POLI 323] Public Policy	3	_____
Fifteen credits selected from additional POLI courses or [HIST 362]	15	_____
Carnegie Mellon University Course Requirements (2 years)		_____
MS Public Policy and Management Capstone Course	3	_____
Four 12-unit* courses in public policy, political science, and/or methodology from Carnegie Mellon University's MS in Public Policy and Management curriculum	12	_____

\*Carnegie Mellon University defines a 12-unit course as the equivalent of a 3 semester hour course.

NOTE: The submission of a 5-7 page faith-politics integration paper under the direction of the Program Coordinator will be required for admission into the Public Policy and Management program.

# Politics with Political Studies

## MS in Public Policy & Management - Carnegie Mellon University

(Department of Politics)  
Major requirements on reverse side

### General Education Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Semester Completed</u>
First Year Seminar	3	_____
Oral Communications	3	_____
Created and Called for Community	3	_____
Mathematical Sciences	3 or 4	_____
Laboratory Science	3 or 4	_____
Science, Technology & the World	3	_____
Two of the following:	6	_____
Social Science (3 credits – [POLI 113])		met by major
European History (3 credits)		_____
United States History (3 credits)		_____
Literature	3	_____
Philosophy and Religion	3	_____
Arts	3	_____
Language/Cross Cultural		
First Semester of Language	3	_____
Second Semester of Language	3	_____
Third Semester of Language or Cross Cultural	3	_____
Non-Western Studies	2 or 3	_____
Bible	3	_____
Christian Beliefs	3	_____
Health and Physical Fitness		
Introduction to Wellness	2	_____
Activity Course	1	_____
One of the following:	3	_____
Ethics (3 credits)		_____
World Views (3 credits)		_____
Pluralism in Contemporary Society (3 credits)		_____
Writing Enriched Course		_____

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## Politics

Career Center for Vocation and Development, Messiah College

The Career Center offers comprehensive services to all students throughout their program of study. From identifying skills and personality traits, to choosing a major, to gaining related experience and preparing for graduate school or job interviews, the staff at the Career Center are available at every step along the path.

### Identification of Strengths

Common characteristics and skills of students pursuing study in the Department of Politics:

- Ability to speak articulately, read comprehensively and write well
- Aptitude for leadership as well as ability to interact with people from diverse backgrounds
- Integrity, patience, persistence and desire to achieve
- Sensitivity to the needs of an orderly society and human beings
- Ability to organize and interpret social, economic, and political data
- Ability to persuade and influence others

We can help you identify your strengths through individual career counseling and self-assessment inventories like the Myers-Briggs, Self-Directed Search, and the Strong Interest Inventory. Understanding your unique skills and interests allows you to translate your personal characteristics into professional opportunities.

### Resources for Career Exploration and Employment Connections

- *Careers for Mystery Buffs & Other Snoops and Sleuths*
- *Careers in Law*
- *Careers for History Buffs & Others Who Learn From the Past*
- *From Here to Attorney*
- *Great Jobs for Political Science Majors*
- *Individual Career Coaching; creating a Career Plan*
- *Majoring in Law*
- Individual handouts—“I’m interested in…” e.g. Political Science, Law
- Individual handouts—“What can I do with this degree?” e.g. Political Science and Government, Law
- Alumni Contacts for Information Interviews & Job Shadowing
- On-campus Recruitment and Interviews
- Career Center Alumni Survey of Recent Grads
- *Job Choices* magazines
- *E-Recruiting Service* <http://messiah.erecruiting.com>
- *Public Administration Career Directory*
- *The U.S. Government Manual*
- *Directory of Federal Jobs and Employment*
- *Federal Law-related Careers Directory*
- *Non-Profits Job Finder*
- *Good Works: A Guide to Careers in Social Change*
- *Alternatives to the Peace Corps*

# CAREER CENTER

*“My internship with the American Studies Program in Washington, D.C. not only gave me practical applicable skills and knowledge in my field of study, but presented me with a job offer upon graduation.”*

—Political Science  
'00 Grad

## Internship Center

The Internship Center offers off-campus exploration and internships to all majors and can help you explore career areas through the following:

- Internships
- Practica

## Sample Internship Opportunities

- Archive Assistant, U.S. Army Military History Institute
- Curator's Assistant, Historical Society of Dauphin County
- Legislative Intern, U.S. Senator's Office
- Internet Researcher, Office of Attorney General
- Congressional Intern, U.S. Congressional Office
- Research Assistant, The Commonwealth Foundation

## Career and Job Preparation Assistance

- Individual Career Coaching
- *Career action plan*
- "Snapshots of Vocation"—alumni stories (brochure and website)
- Senior focus events—sponsored by the Career Center and Alumni Office
- Resume and cover letter development, samples, and individual critiques
- Job and Graduate School Preparation Workshops
- Interview preparation and practice interviews
- Job and Graduate School Fairs
- Workshops on a variety of career-related topics
- Online job and resume posting (<http://messiah.erecruiting.com>)

## College-Sponsored Job and Internship Fairs

- Career & Graduate School Expo
- Capital Region Internship Fair
- CPEC Internship and Job Fair
- CVC Internship and Job Fair
- TRD (Teacher Recruitment Day)

## Home Page Connections [www.messiah.edu/offices/career](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/career)

Visit our home page to access information on majors, employment opportunities, graduate and professional school preparation, and alumni stories of vocation. A complete calendar of events and registration options, resume referrals, and sign-up options for on-campus interviews are available through eRecruiting. Visit job searches by major, as well as general employment information.

## Graduate School Preparation

- *Graduate School Handbook*
- Assistance with graduate and professional school resumes, essays, applications, and interviews
- The *Graduate School Guide* and the *Christian Graduate* magazine (both free)
- Peterson's grad school directories; test preparation booklets and guides
- Graduate School Fair and Seminary & Theological Studies Fair—held on campus, fall semester
- Gradschools.com—one of many sites for graduate school and program searches
- Kaplan Practice Test Sessions: GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT
- Celebration Reception for students accepted to grad school

# C A R E E R C E N T E R

*"My cross-cultural experience to England (my first trip abroad) gave me a great perspective on the culture and lifestyle of the UK... It gave me a greater basis for working for an international organization upon graduation."*

—Political Science  
'00 Grad

# Politics

EpiCenter, Messiah College

Although EpiCenter programs are open to all students, there are some programs that may be of particular interest to students in the Department of Politics. Below is a description of these opportunities. For more details, stop by the EpiCenter.

**“The world is a great book, of which they who never stir from home read only a page.”**

**Resources available in the EpiCenter include:**

- Applications
- Brochures / Catalogs / Videos
- Course Listings
- International Student Identity Cards
- Fact Sheets
- Passport Photos

**Information is provided about:**

- Costs
- Deadlines
- Names of Program Advisors
- Passports
- Requirements
- Traveling/Studying Abroad

### American Studies Program

In addition to learning about current issues, students participate in part-time internships in Washington D.C.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.75 GPA

Nine of the sixteen credits will count toward Politics electives.

### BCA

BCA offers students who are seriously interested in enriching their college experiences an opportunity to enhance their curriculum and language skills.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ Four semesters of college-level language are required for Ecuador, France, Germany and Mexico (five semesters required for Spain); these sites open only to juniors and seniors
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

BCA study centers in Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, and Spain offer students some Politics courses.

### China Studies Program

Students will learn Chinese Language, History, and culture through classroom instruction, by traveling around the country, and by being conversation partners with Chinese students.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.75 GPA

Courses include Chinese Language, Chinese History, and Public Policy and Economic Development.

### Internships

Students who participate in the Messiah College Internship Program have opportunities to test their educational theories as they preview possible career options.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

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*“My faith has been challenged by studying some of the history of the church, gaining a greater appreciation for the corporate worship of the Body. Most importantly, I better understand the importance of Christ being at the center of my academic study. Everything I studied returned me back to examining how I integrate what I learn with who God is in my life. “*

—Politics major,  
Oxford Honors  
Program  
(England)

With the seat of Pennsylvania government close by in Harrisburg, internship opportunities are available with legislators, political offices, and government agencies.

### **London Internship Program**

The London Internship Program, offers internships and academic study for a semester in London, England. Students are placed in field experiences related to their majors and take classes offered by Arcadia faculty or at City University.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

Internships are offered in a variety of areas, including with members of Parliament.

### **LCC International University**

Witness history in the making while studying at Klaipeda, Lithuania. Part of the former Soviet Union, Lithuania is home to LCC International University which serves students from a number of Eastern European nations.

- ✓ Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- ✓ 2.5 GPA

Students can take classes such as Baltic History, Political Economy of the Baltic States, and Mediation and Conflict Transformation.

### **Middle East Studies Program**

Based in Cairo, Egypt, the program includes a field service project, a two-week trip to the Israel/Palestine and a two-week tour of several Middle Eastern Countries..

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.75 GPA

This program is ideal for students interested in Islamic studies.

### **Oxford Study Abroad Programme**

Students participate in one-on-one tutorials with Oxford professors in this semester-long program.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 3.0 GPA

A variety of Politics courses are available.

### **Russian Studies Program**

Students will visit museums, monasteries, and government institutions in Moscow, experience the Russian heartland in Nizhni Novgorod, and will be exposed to the cultural and historical richness of St. Petersburg.

- ✓ Junior or senior status
- ✓ 2.75 GPA

Students can complete their entire general education language requirement as well as fulfill world views and European history.

*To discover more opportunities, visit the EpiCenter Online:  
[www.messiah.edu/studyabroad](http://www.messiah.edu/studyabroad)*

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