

**TYPICAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS DEMONSTRATED
POLITICS MAJOR – MESSIAH COLLEGE**

- ✓ Ability to do intensive and extensive research
- ✓ Analytical and report-writing skills
- ✓ Oral communication skills and the application thereof to formal and informal presentations
- ✓ Knowledge of governmental institutions, roles and processes
- ✓ Understanding of different political, economic and social structures and the way in which they impact citizens, politics and policy
- ✓ Knowledge of relationships between the national government and state and local levels of government
- ✓ Understanding of public policy processes, as well as the substance of decision-making and implementation of public policy at all levels of government
- ✓ Knowledge of relationships between the public and private sectors; existing and changing programs of assistance and promotion; applicable government rules and regulations (as enunciated in the public policy process referred to above)
- ✓ Ability to interpret the impact of international processes and knowledge of the dynamics of international relations
- ✓ Skills, instruments, values, ethics, responsibility, and challenges of leadership