

POLITICAL SCIENCE, B.A. (ALTOONA)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Altoona

Program Learning Objectives

- Students will describe and identify the processes by which the authority to coerce is acquired, legitimized, and exercised in the United States, in other states, and in multi--state institutions and the various ends toward which those processes are directed.
- Students will explain those processes and the ends they serve, formulate and discuss descriptive and normative generalizations about them, and paraphrase and summarize generalizations about them put forth by leading analysts of political phenomena.
- Students will differentiate among types and phases of political processes, including the acquisition of authority and influence, agenda--setting, policy formulation and selection, legitimization, and implementation.
- Students will interpret, justify, and criticize generalizations about political processes and ends.
- Students in all majors will develop substantive knowledge of the discipline of Political Science.
 - Students will be able to define and use the concepts political scientists employ to make and substantiate knowledge claims.
 - Students will be able to describe the central debates and theoretical frameworks of political science and international politics.