



Political Science

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Related Minors Offered in:

- Pre-Law Studies, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Administration, Black Studies, Political Communications, and Women's Studies

Additional Opportunities:

- Required Internship Experience
- Moot Court
- Model UN Simulation

Course requirements emphasize the development of skills in demand in the workplace and graduate studies. Students will develop the ability to analyze complex material and support their arguments. They will also acquire strong research, writing, and presentation skills.

Career Options:

Political Science majors are well-positioned to pursue careers as lawyers, legal assistants, law enforcement officers, elected officials, campaign coordinators, legislative assistants, lobbyists or interest group advocates, municipal consultants, public sector and service employees, community organizers and leaders, business owners, diplomats or consuls, international organization researchers and leaders, non-governmental organization (NGO) employees, journalists, and military or intelligence officers.

Political Science at Daemen:

- Required courses will give you a broad introduction to the disciplinary subfields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Public Policy.
- There is a focus on skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and research and writing which prepare students to succeed in the workforce or pursue advanced graduate training in political science.
- You'll work directly with faculty members committed to teaching excellence and preparing you for your future.
- A capstone senior thesis requirement gives students the opportunity to choose and research a topic of interest in depth, integrating acquired knowledge and skills.

Our recent graduates are:

- Attending law school at Michigan State University, University of New Hampshire, and University at Buffalo
- Working at the Ontario County Sheriff's Office
- Community Organizer for Citizen Action of New York
- Working as attorneys after completing law school (Government, private industry, and legal practice)

Learn more at the History & Political Science Department Blog:

<http://daemencollegehistoryandpolisci.blogspot.com/>

Political Science Students at Daemen Gain EXPERIENCE:

- The program stresses preparation for your future. All students are required to complete an internship or cooperative learning experience to apply knowledge and skills outside of the academic setting.
- The department works closely with you and the Career Services Office and other offices on campus to customize an internship to match your academic and career interests.
- A variety of opportunities are available including placements with local and state organizations, internships in Albany or Washington, and international experiences.

did you know...

Recently, Daemen students have interned at the American Bar Association Office in Washington DC, U.S. Department of Education in Washington DC, the Family Justice Court of Erie County, the Erie County Probation Department, the Buffalo City Mission, and the New York State Assembly.



Brianna Zichetella

As a field of study, political science is extremely versatile. It bridges the gaps between history, sociology, and policy to create a comprehensive study of the structure and implementation of government. Almost every issue can be made political, so application of the major is highly dependent on the interests of the student. Being able to adapt the major to focus on my interests in media and political communication has made my experience at Daemen extremely valuable.

"I was first attracted to Daemen College because of its small class sizes and tight-knit community. The History & Political Science Department uses these factors to create an individual-oriented learning environment that supports students while challenging them to meet their academic potential. The professors here are very invested in students success both in and outside of the classroom, and I have very good relationships with all my instructors.

In addition to in-department activities like our annual UN Security Council Simulation, I'm active in department-sponsored clubs like the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and our History and Government Club. Outside of Daemen, I've completed a summer internship in Montana with Vote Smart, a non-profit and non-partisan political research organization. I also plan to participate in a Semester in Washington program during my senior year."



Nicholas Paveljack

"The main reason that I decided to attend Daemen was the size of the school. Being in a class with twenty or so students gives the professor the opportunity to engage individually with the student.

I chose Political Science because I have an interest in both American government and history and it would best prepare me for law school. I have developed good relationships with my professors, as they are always available to answer any of my questions. Although the thesis experience is challenging, I know that it is this challenge that will better prepare me for my professional future."



Christina Auguste

"I chose a Political Science major at Daemen because of the intimate feel the department members and campus gave me on my first visit to Daemen. The professors gave me a sense of what I was about to embark upon during my freshman year and have helped me ever since. One of the great advantages of the department is its size and the great faculty. They encourage students to join department clubs and take advantage of the History & Politics Speaker Series that occurs throughout the year. By attending the speaker series I have expanded my knowledge of topics unfamiliar to me and deepened my understanding of others I thought I knew everything about.

There are also great financial opportunities for Political Science students. I recently received the Ruth Stratton Scholarship, which rewards students for their commitment to academic excellence and furthering their education beyond Daemen.

I honestly love my professors, we feel like one big family. As I move forward in my career as an academic outside of Daemen, my professors have given me great advice and help in securing my future."

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