

Concentrations

- General
- International
- Legal Studies

About the Major

The study of political science develops knowledge and understanding of national and international government, politics, and policy. This program prepares students for careers in public service and private business, as well as for graduate work leading to careers in a variety of areas including law, public administration, policy analysis, foreign service, journalism, and college teaching. **Close proximity to Washington, D.C., gives students the opportunity to observe the federal government in operation and to participate through internships.**

Careers

- Our graduates **pursue careers in public service** including CIA, FBI, AmeriCorp, or Peace Corps, and local and national politics.
- Program graduates further their education by attending **prestigious graduate schools** such as New York University, American University, Ohio State University, University of Maryland, George Mason University, University of Bremen (Germany), and West Virginia University.
- Those interested in legal careers have gone on to **law schools** such as the University of Pennsylvania, American University, Penn State University, West Virginia University, Liberty University, and Michigan State University.

Get Involved

The Department of Political Science and Global Studies offers interested students many different ways to get involved. Those interested in honor societies can join either **Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society** or **Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars**. Others who are interested in learning about the legal profession or attending law school should consider joining our **Pre-Law Society**. Our chapters of the **College Republicans** and **Young Democrats** are open to all students who are interested in national politics. Beyond this, we are also home to the **Debate and Forensics** and **Model United Nations** teams.

Points of Pride

- Our students have been part of **nationally prestigious programs** such as the presidential inauguration's leadership summit.
- Several of our students have **published their own research and presented their work at national conferences while attending Shepherd**.
- Our Debate and Forensics won **first place in the 2017 West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament (WVIFA) State Championship**.



Shepherd University's Debate and Forensics brought home many trophies from the tournaments they participated in 2017.

- The Model United Nations team has competed in **national competitions against many top ranked universities** from across the nation and won several prizes.



Shepherd University's Model United Nations won three awards at the Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference.

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