

Political Science BA/BS Student Learning Outcomes
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K-State's BA/BS program in political science provides students with a foundation for systematically studying politics in the major fields of U.S. government, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. The program also introduces students to research methods, which enable them to understand and research political and social phenomena. Finally, the program provides students with the flexibility to tailor their studies within a field to meet their career goals and intellectual interests. Throughout the curriculum, students must demonstrate their critical analytical abilities in oral and written formats.

A graduate with a political science degree should be able to:

Understand political structures, institutions, and governing processes in the U.S. and other developed and developing countries.

Understand and be able to apply normative and behavioral theories and methods to understand political systems and explain political phenomena.

Understand the patterns of interaction among actors of the world community, including the causes of war and peace and the sources of international conflict and cooperation.

Comprehend domestic and international policy issues facing the U.S. and the world community and be able to critically analyze policy choices.

Take advantage of field experiences (e.g. internships, study abroad, community service programs) to bridge traditional classroom and applied learning.

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