



Political Science

Why Study Political Science at TCNJ?

Political Science students at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences develop a profound knowledge of political theories and institutions — in the U.S. and around the world. Our rigorous program teaches the insights and abilities to become a political scientist, including deep skills in interpretation, evaluation, and measurement of critical information in the political realm. Guided by strong mentorship from diversely experienced faculty, our graduates are well prepared to succeed in a range of careers, thanks to strong capabilities in research, data analysis, and the formulation of clear and convincing, evidence-based argument. Our alumni go on to pursue meaningful careers in law, public policy, government, business, and nonprofit organizations and are accepted at top law schools.

Programs of Study

TCNJ offers a Political Science major, an International Studies major, and minors in Political Science, International Studies, Law, Politics and Philosophy, and Public Policy Analysis and Management. Our curriculum explores national and global perspectives in politics along with a foundation in economics, law, and quantitative methods.

Students benefit from:

- **Small classes, labs, and seminars** — to drive deep engagement and collaboration
- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors** — with various other programs in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond
- **Capitol connections and engagement** — with paid and volunteer internships at the state level in nearby Trenton or with our partner institution in Washington, D.C.
- **Opportunities for faculty-mentored research, internships, and study abroad** — that help students practice and apply learned skills
- **First-rate instruction and strong mentorship from faculty with wide-ranging expertise** — that help guide academic and career paths

About 10% of undergraduate students spend a semester studying at The Washington Center — learning, working, and living in our nation's capital.



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Internships

Political Science students may apply skills and earn academic credit at faculty-supervised internships in a variety of government, law, and public policy organizations. TCNJ maintains strong ties with various offices and entities in the capital city of Trenton and draws an abundance of internship opportunities for interested students. Students are also highly active in political and Political Science organizations on campus.

Recent Internships:

Advocacy and industry groups

Law firms and municipal courts

New Jersey Department of Education

New Jersey Governor's Office

Office of the Attorney General

State and federal campaigns

State legislative and congressional

district offices

Study Abroad Opportunities

Political Science majors and minors are encouraged to study abroad and broaden their understanding of other cultures and political systems. Gaining global perspective and experience can also help inform future academic and career pathways. TCNJ's Center for Global Engagement offers over 100 different study abroad sites, with Political Science students often opting to study in the European Union, Latin America, and Thailand.

A Political Science Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

Our graduates gain the practical skills, insights, and experience that make them highly attractive to prospective employers and top graduate programs.

Recent Graduate Employers:

AEI

Bloomberg

Clinton Foundation

Mathematica

New Jersey Business and
Industry Association

New Jersey General Assembly

New Jersey Governor's Office

Pfizer

Princeton Research Associates

Teach for America

and esteemed law firms

Recent Graduate Program Placements:

Law:

Colorado University

Columbia University

Duke University

Harvard University

Rutgers University Law

Seton Hall University

University of Pennsylvania

Public Policy:

Bloustein School – Rutgers University

Maxwell School – Syracuse University



Take the Next Step

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