MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
HELEN WAY KLINGLER
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

POLITICAL SCIENCE
INFORMED ANALYSIS. 
STRENGTHENED DEMOCRACY.

At Marquette, our goal is to not only help you understand what happens in politics, but how to evaluate it in a way that’s logical and rational. We help you develop a model of how politics can be discussed and studied without insults, scapegoating or arguments lacking factual support — an approach that’s especially relevant in today’s political climate.

Here, you’ll study with faculty who are notable research scholars and excellent in the classroom. Every class is taught by professors, not teaching assistants. And they offer a range of interesting courses from important, broad topics, like constitutional law, international law, and world conflict and security, to courses on more specific interests, like human trafficking, the politics of torture and the global politics of street gangs.

MAJORS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
Study American politics, comparative politics, international politics and political philosophy, and gain an understanding of some of the most critical issues of our times. Tailor your studies by choosing from sets of recommended courses based on your areas of interest and occupational goals.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Combine the study of international politics and economics and concentrate your studies on a theme or a region: area studies (Asian studies, developing countries, European studies, Latin American studies, Middle East studies), cross-cultural studies, international economic relations, international political-military relations, international communication or peace studies.

MINORS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A./M.A. ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAM
Save time and money by beginning graduate-level courses during the final year of your undergraduate studies, then continue at Marquette Graduate School to ultimately earn both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science. You’ll be able to apply for this program in your junior year.
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE
You’ll be able to take advantage of many high-impact, experiential learning opportunities:

- On-campus speakers, conferences and networking opportunities through the Center for Transnational Justice
- Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society
- Faculty research
- Milwaukee-area internships, complemented by our on-campus internship course
- Study abroad semesters

MARQUETTE’S LES ASPIN CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Spend a summer or semester taking Marquette courses (including nine credits that count toward your political science major) and interning at a D.C. setting such as a congressional office, the State Department, the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Secret Service, the White House or the Department of Defense.

CAREERS
A degree from the Department of Political Science prepares you with foundational communication, writing and research skills that will support a variety of career choices, but most of our majors pursue paths that fall into one of three categories:

GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL POSITIONS, which include everything from working on campaigns (and sometimes running for office!) to working in local or state government, a federal agency or the U.S. Foreign Service.

LAW SCHOOL OR GRADUATE SCHOOL, which includes graduate degrees in political science, public policy and administration, or international affairs.

PRIVATE SECTOR POSITIONS, which involve research, lobbying or advocacy in a range of industries, including finance, business and health care.