

# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## Programs of the Department

The program of courses in political science aims to promote understanding of the nature of political relationships. The department offers a major and minor in Political Science. The major prepares students for advanced study and provides the foundation for careers in public administration, law, public relations, business and research, and urban and regional planning.

The Prelaw Advising Program is administered by the Department of Political Science.

Students who transfer to TU in senior standing are expected to complete a minimum of 15 units of upper-division political science courses. Those who transfer below senior standing normally will be expected to complete 21 units of upper-division political science courses at TU.

## Careers in Political Science

Political Science majors generally prepare themselves, at the undergraduate level, for careers in law, government (federal, state and local), service in public and private interest groups, business, and journalism and the media, as well as research and teaching at various levels of the education system.

## Student Opportunities

### Activities

In addition to its academic curriculum, the department offers opportunities providing a broad range of related experiences. Classes travel to Annapolis and Washington, D.C., to observe first-hand the political workings of government. Political Science majors are given the opportunity to edit the Towson Journal of International Affairs, one of the few undergraduate academic journals in the United States.

### Internships

An integral part of the Political Science curriculum is the opportunity for students to participate in an internship in their junior or senior year. Students are placed in all branches and at all levels of government. Placements with the Maryland General Assembly or a member of Congress are most common.

## Prelaw Advising

Coordinator: Dr. Jonathan Hensley (Political Science)  
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<https://www.towson.edu/cla/departments/polisci/undergrad/advising/>

Students contemplating law school after graduation should make an appointment with TU's Prelaw adviser, Dr. Jonathan Hensley. He can provide prospective students with a copy of the TU Prelaw Handbook, introduce them to the Prelaw Society, and offer advice concerning courses of study, preparation for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

and other matters pertaining to what students need for their application to law school. In general, students should concentrate on improving their reading, writing, speaking and thinking skills.

## Dual Degree Program

TU offers qualified students the opportunity to apply to the early admission program at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Admission is not automatic but is contingent upon acceptance by the University of Baltimore Law School, including review of LSAT scores. Transfer to the UB law program can only take place at the end of a spring term. To qualify for entrance to the dual-degree program, students must fulfill the first three of the standards listed below; to qualify for graduation from TU, they must also fulfill the fourth and fifth standards listed:

1. Completion of at least 91 units at TU with at least a 3.50 GPA.
2. Completion of all TU Core Curriculum requirements.
3. Completion of a major at TU with at least a 3.50 GPA in the major. No specific areas of study or disciplines are required for this program; accordingly, students may choose majors in which they are most interested.
4. Successful completion of 29 units at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and of all other TU graduation requirements as listed in the catalog under the heading **Degree Requirements**.
5. Grades of C or higher must be earned in the graduate level UB law courses that are transferred to TU. Any courses that receive a grade lower than a C are not eligible to be applied to the undergraduate record.

Subsequent completion of all requirements at the University of Baltimore Law School is necessary in order to earn the J.D. degree from the University of Baltimore. Students interested in this program should contact the TU Prelaw adviser, Dr. Jonathan Hensley, in the Department of Political Science.

## Majors

- Major in Political Science

## Minors

- Minor in Political Science

## Faculty

*Professors:* Matthew Hoddie, Michael Korzi (Chairperson), Paul McCartney, John McTague (Assistant Chair), Joseph Rudolph Jr., Donn Worgs

*Associate Professors:* Joseph Clark (Graduate Program Director), Gorana Draguljic, Navid Hassanzadeh, Sarah Oliver, Amina Sillah

*Assistant Professors:* Jeong Joo Ahn, Joseph Dietrich, Jonathan Hensley, Juman Kim

*Lecturers:* John Bullock, Michele Calderon

*Affiliated Faculty:* Alison Rios Millett McCartney (Dean of Honors College)

*Lecturer II:* Molly Ruhlman