# Economics and Political Science



# **Program Overview**

Capital's economics and political science major provides you with core knowledge and analytical skills from economics and political science. By studying core knowledge and principles in tandem from both disciplines, you will recognize connections and interactions between government, businesses, and both our domestic and international economies. Our program's faculty is committed to the philosophy that valuable education can take place outside a traditional classroom setting. As an economics and political science major, you will engage in activities that connect you with businesses and governments at all levels: local, state, and national. In this major you will develop critical thinking and analytical skills. Supplemental courses can be taken alongside the major requirements to become licensed in Ohio to teach grades 7-12.

# **Careers and Placement**

The major in economics and political science offers a program of study that leads to careers inside and outside government. This major serves as a particularly "good fit" for pre-law students because assets and liabilities matter much in civil cases. It opens career paths in spaces where professionals build public-private partnerships that fortify and sustain the distinctively blended American political economy. Many exciting careers call to candidates such as you at the local, state, national, and international levels, in banking, investment, lobbying, corporate networking, and the legal community. You also can continue your education in graduate or law school. Organizations and universities that Capital graduates have found work in include the University of Pittsburgh, US Army, City of Columbus, Ohio Credit Union League, The Wendy's Company, Mt. Carmel Health Systems, Jones Law Group, Bexley Public Library, Vanderbilt University, Battelle Education, Deloitte, Chipotle Mexican Grill, PPG Industries, and many others.

# **Experiential Learning**

Students can earn credit as interns while working in a city, state, or local government office, with a non-governmental organization, or the federal government. As interns, students work with politicians, government officials, professional specialists, lobbyists, as researchers, and more. Recent internships held include local organizations such as the Ohio Department of Transportation, Franklin County Clerk of Courts, the Ohio Statehouse's Upper-Level Page Program, and others.

What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

**Attorney** 

**Chief Diversity Officer** 

**IT Project Manager** 

**Compliance Leader** 

**Director of Community Development** 

**Professor** 

#### You'll Be Prepared To:

- Describe the major fields and theories within economics and political science, the origins of the disciplines, and their contribution to understanding society
- Identify first order premises and the logic of arguments and critically evaluate intersections between politics and economics
- Classify relationships according to theoretical models or concepts and clearly identify key parts of an argument
- Use data to illustrate concepts
- Recommend actions based on policy objectives
- Articulate the moral implications of choices
- Communicate clearly with various audiences in writing, orally, and with technology

# **Economics and Political Science**

# Four Year Sample Curriculum

#### First Year, Fall

Macroeconomics Principles American Government Oral Communication First Year Seminar Introduction to Ethics

# First Year, Spring

Microeconomics Principles English Composition Intro to Political Theory Statistics Elective

#### Second Year, Fall

International Relations Social Science Statistics Political Science Elective Cultural Pluralism Elective

#### Second Year, Spring

Social Science Research Political Science Elective Religion Fine Arts Elective

#### Third Year, Fall

Natural Science Humanities Political Science Elective Electives

# Third Year, Spring

Natural Science Lab Political Science Elective Electives

#### Fourth Year, Fall

Global Systems
Political Science Elective
Senior Thesis
Electives

# Fourth Year, Spring

Political Science Elective Flectives

All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

# **Program Specific Organizations**

# **BridgeUSA**







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