

Political Science

Bachelor of Arts Degree

INTRODUCTION

The future of the nation lies in the hands of its youth. Whether it's your dream to be a lawyer, a diplomat, a journalist, an educator or a statesman, let Mercyhurst guide your dreams of becoming a leader through our political science bachelor's degree program.

Here, you aren't just a number. Our students get one-on-one time with outstanding faculty and they learn in small classes that offer a balance of traditional in-class academic training and hands-on experiences with simulations and case studies. We also encourage interaction with peers and faculty outside the classroom through the program's award-winning national honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha; the political science club; or the award-winning Model UN/Model NATO team, which participates in both national and international competitions.

Concentrations: International Relations, Pre-Law, Campaigns and Elections, Environmental Studies.

MCAP SETS US APART

Mercyhurst operates northwestern Pennsylvania's only computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) facility, which regularly and accurately gauges public opinion. MCAP's polls have been reported by the *New York Times*, *NPR*, *Roll Call*, *nationalreview.com*, *politico.com*, *realclearpolitics.com*, and more. Students are welcome to volunteer in the center; after a year, they will have conducted three résumé-worthy studies, which are published by multiple national, regional and local news organizations. MCAP provides both classroom and work-study opportunities.

MORE THAN A JOB - A CAREER THAT COULD CHANGE THE FUTURE

As is evidenced by the success of our alums, the political science program provides the foundation for careers in politics, environmental studies, foreign policy, law, journalism and education.*

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, among the fields listed above, there is an estimated 8-17 percent growth in career-related employment opportunities projected from 2012-2020.

**Some career paths listed above may require advanced education.*

SMALL CLASSES.

With a 14-1 student-to-faculty ratio and an average class size of 20 students, you're never just a number at Mercyhurst. In fact, many upper level courses average 10 or fewer students. We keep our classes small so you can get individualized attention from professors to ensure your success in class and beyond.

DYNAMITE FACULTY.

Whether you're just dropping by to ask a question or collaborating on a long-term research project, our faculty are dedicated to sharing their expertise with you.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

The Career Development Center will help you find internships that let you gain valuable, real-world experience while still earning credits toward your degree.

STRONG LIBERAL ARTS CORE.

You'll take 40 percent of your classes in liberal arts disciplines to benefit from the well-rounded education today's college grads need.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES.

Mercyhurst offers many ways to earn college credits in countries that include France, Italy, Australia, Costa Rica, Ireland and more.

HIGH PLACEMENT RATES.

Of Mercyhurst's 2011 graduating class, more than 90 percent secured jobs or were enrolled in graduate/professional school. That's well above the national average of 70 to 75 percent.

EDUCATION YOU CAN AFFORD.

Mercyhurst University is dedicated to making a high-quality college education affordable. In fact, more than 90 percent of incoming freshmen receive institutional, federal or state aid. Our highly-experienced and knowledgeable financial services staff will work with you to determine your best financial options, which may include work study, federal loans and university scholarships. For more information, contact Student Financial Services at (814) 824-2288, or at sfs@mercyhurst.edu.

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