

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

POLITICS AND LAW



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Today's world is shaped by political and legal questions and decisions. The role of government has expanded to encompass economic, social, and moral realms. In addition, economies, cultures, and political systems are now affected by international challenges and opportunities.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Politics and Law is a multidisciplinary, 10-course program that allows you to move from being a spectator to an analyst of political events and an active citizen with the capacity to shape decisions and contribute to a successful democratic society. You will complement your major by minoring in Business Administration and learning key principles and concepts essential for all professionals.

As a Politics and Law major, you will benefit from the synergy between liberal arts and business in considering issues such as governmental social policies, tax policy, labor law, trade policy, environmental regulation, and intellectual property rights.

ENGAGED LEARNING + APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP

The College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business at Bryant offer a rigorous academic curriculum, and a depth and breadth of study that encourages students to explore new fields and expand their thinking. In fact, the unique integration of business and liberal arts is a hallmark of a Bryant education—business students study liberal arts and liberal arts students study business. This foundation educates the *whole* student and enhances communication skills; leads to a more comprehensive understanding of global, cultural, and ethical issues; and develops critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Bryant's comprehensive curriculum allows you to develop your intellectual passions and define a clear path for success.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Bryant's faculty are accomplished, passionate educators who are dedicated to helping you develop your intellectual potential. They continually enhance their capabilities through research, publishing, consulting, and community service, and bring this knowledge into the classroom. Our full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty come from prestigious academic programs and have demonstrated a deep commitment to your academic growth. Faculty and staff deliver an extraordinary level of personal guidance that has benefited generations of Bryant students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Learn more at www.bryant.edu/areasofstudy or contact Associate Professor John Dietrich, Ph.D., political science coordinator, at jdietric@bryant.edu, or Assistant Professor Andrea Boggio, J.S.D., legal studies coordinator, at aboggio@bryant.edu.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Students majoring in Politics and Law can gain hands-on experience in the field by interning at local nonprofit organizations, law firms, or The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C.; or by taking part in directed study or research projects led by Bryant faculty. You can also learn more about the issues, get involved in advocacy efforts, or debate your fellow students as a member of the Bryant Democrats, Republicans, Legal Studies Society, Bryant Debaters, Student Senate, or Mock Trial Team.

“Bryant's Politics and Law major unites the complementary disciplines of Legal Studies and Political Science. Students understand the process of policy creation, implementation, and enforcement in both the domestic and international arenas, and can be active players in setting the policies of the future.”

John Dietrich, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Political Science
Department of History and Social Sciences

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

The study of political science and legal studies develops valuable skills in analytical thinking, decision-making, and communication. Professional opportunities are available in government service, business, law, education, the nonprofit sector, journalism, and policy analysis. Students are also well prepared to pursue advanced study in law, international relations, political science, or public administration.

DEGREE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

POLITICS AND LAW

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Arts Seminar (LCS151)

Introduction to Literary Studies (LCS121)

Microeconomic Principles (ECO113)

Macroeconomic Principles (ECO114)

Mathematical Reasoning I (MATH105)

Statistics I (MATH201)

Two (2) Humanities Survey Courses*

LIBERAL ARTS DISTRIBUTIONS – MODES OF THOUGHT*

Two (2) Social Science Modes of Thought

Historical Mode of Thought (Upper Division)

Literary Mode of Thought (Upper Division)

Cultural Mode of Thought

Two (2) Scientific Modes of Thought (Include one lab science)
(One science course must be taken at the 300 or 400 level)

FOUNDATIONS FOR LEARNING (FFL101)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Business (BUS101)

Principles of Financial Accounting (ACG203)

Fundamentals of Computer Information Systems (CIS201)

Financial Management (FIN201)

Management Principles and Practice (MGT200)

Foundations of Marketing Management (MKT201)

ELECTIVES – Subject to programmatic constraints, students may elect up to 12 additional credits from the College of Business.

POLITICS AND LAW MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Introduction to Global Politics (POLS241) or
Honors: Politics of the Global System (POLS290)

Government and Society in America (POLS256) or
Honors: Contemporary American Politics (POLS291)

Comparative Politics (POLS361)

Western Legal Traditions (LGLS220)

Civil Rights and Liberties (LGLS351)

Law and Society (LGLS360)

Three (3) Electives in the Major from POLS and LGLS
[At least three (3) credits must be at the 400 level]

Seminar in Politics and Law (POLS/LGLS490)

*Humanities Survey and Modes of Thought requirements can be met by the appropriate courses in the majors.

**POLITICS AND LAW MAJORS WILL COMPLETE
122 CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION**