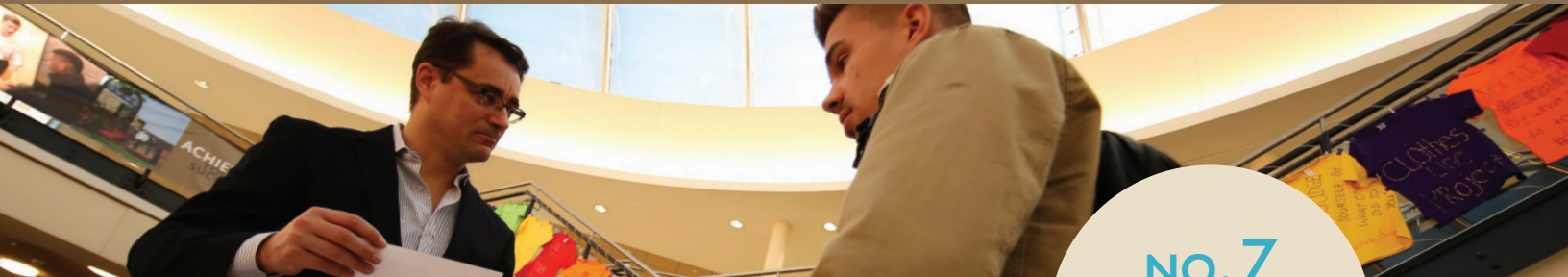


## POLITICS AND LAW



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### WHY STUDY **POLITICS AND LAW** AT BRYANT?

Examine timely political and legal questions in our unique program that unites the complementary disciplines of *Political Science and Legal Studies*.

Collaborate with inspiring faculty to acquire the knowledge and skills to *navigate a world shaped by political and legal questions and decisions.*



Immerse yourself in *distinctive real-world learning* experiences through local and national internships.



Develop analytical thinking, decision-making, and communication skills that prepare you for *success in law school* or other graduate programs and as you launch a meaningful career.

#### **KATHLEEN BANNON '21**

A dynamic impact-thinker who aspires to make a difference through principled public policy. Smithfield, RI



**MAJOR:** Politics and Law

**MINORS:** Human Resource Management

**HOMETOWN:** Smithfield, RI

**PATH:** Honors Program; Dean's List recognition; studied abroad at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy; Research and Public Policy Analyst Assistant, Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership at Bryant University; College Fed Challenge; Model United Nations Club; Rhode Island State Senate Policy Intern, and Page; Resident Assistant; Rhode Island Girls State Senior Counselor; Admission Ambassador; Communications Director, Bryant University Catholic Student Association; Women's Summit at Bryant University Volunteer.

*"I am able to immerse myself in cutting-edge policy issues that deal with topics from global climate change to migration to global political systems. Guided by supportive Politics and Law faculty, I have advanced my research and communication skills and can confidently apply what I've learned in the classroom to real-world events."*

## INSPIRING FACULTY

Our faculty are award-winning scholars, inspiring educators, and dedicated mentors with expertise in fields including American politics, comparative politics, human rights law, international relations, biomedical entrepreneurship, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. These caring and supportive faculty members get to know you as an individual in our close-knit, student-centered community.

### THE POLITICS AND LAW FACULTY INCLUDES:

- A lawyer who worked with the United Nations on the Right to Science initiative.
- A scholar whose research and teaching focus on American politics and who has published on presidential rhetoric, narratives and discourses in American politics, and on the scholarship of teaching and learning.
- An internationally renowned expert on the impact of the Holocaust on law and human rights.
- A scholar whose research and teaching focus on U.S. foreign policy, international relations, and human rights and who has published numerous articles and a book on George W. Bush's foreign policy.
- A lead author of *Gauging Equality*, a report for the European Union.
- Several recipients of Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year, and Mentor of the Year awards.

*Law does not exist in a vacuum, and Bryant's approach of combining business with the humanities offers a unique way to approach your legal education.*

#### KATHRYN VAN TOL '12

2015 Graduate of Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law  
Attorney at North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

### Among Our Distinguished Faculty:



#### NICOLE FREINER, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Political Science

- A comparative and environmental politics scholar specializing in agricultural and food studies, who most recently authored the book *Agricultural Politics and Policy in Japan: The Loss of A Traditional Lifestyle*.
- A cornerstone of her teaching is working with students to develop ideas and their own research projects, which has often resulted in students presenting at the New England Political Science Association annual meeting, a regional professional political science organization.
- Authored and won a grant to travel with students to the New Hampshire Primary Student Convention to meet presidential candidates, attend political debates, and witness the importance of communicating ideas in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election.

#### KAITLIN SIDORSKY '10, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Coastal Carolina University  
Conway, SC



**MAJOR:** Politics and Law

**MINORS:** Business Administration;  
Literary and Cultural Studies

**HOMETOWN:** Rocky Point, NY

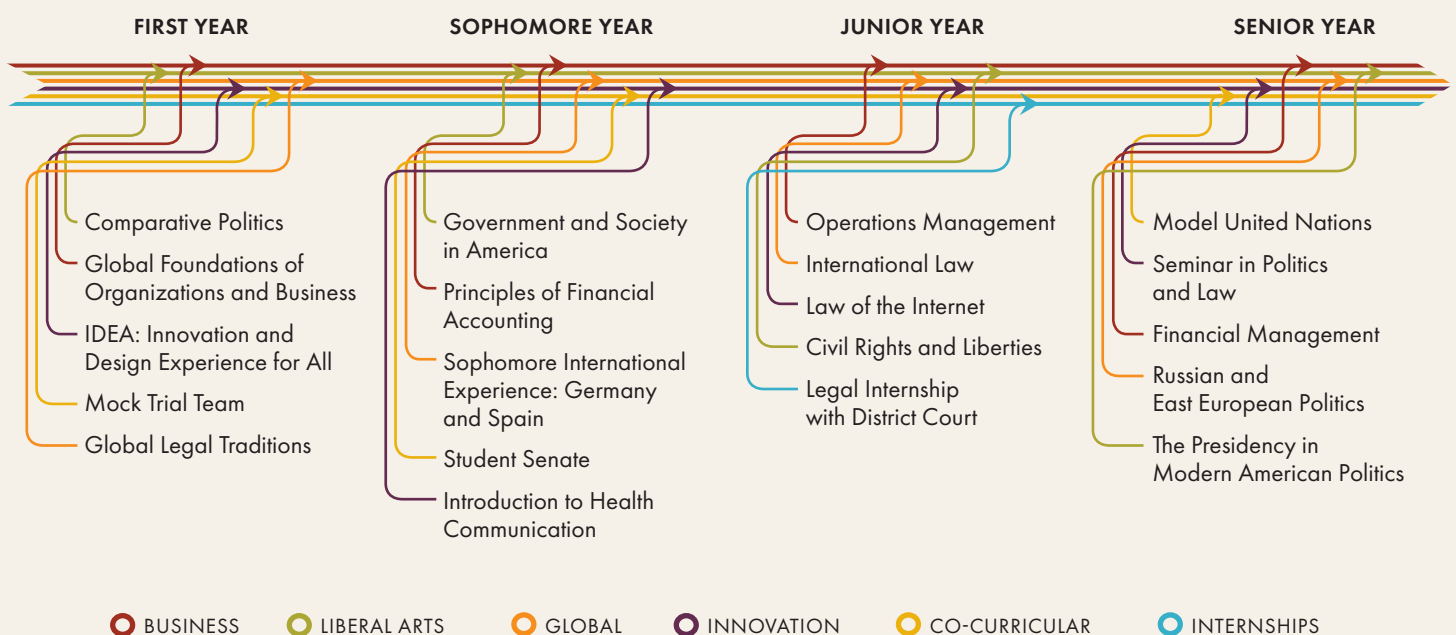
**PATH:** Bryant Ambassador; Head Resident Assistant; Bryant Senior Advisory Council; graduated with highest honors and Bryant's top award in political science; earned a doctoral degree at Brown University, completing a dissertation titled, *One Way or Another: Understanding Women's Paths to Appointed and Elected Office*; published her first book *All Roads Lead to Power* with the University Press of Kansas and presented this work at the United States National Archives in Washington, D.C.

*"Bryant gave me everything I needed to get to where I am today, including an academic program that fit in perfectly with my interests and ultimately helped me realize that politics is my true passion. Most importantly, the University gave me professors who prepared me for graduate school and became mentors and friends. They cared about me as a person, not just as a student, and I could never thank them enough."*

## DESIGNED FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Bryant's innovative educational experience is focused on one central objective – preparing you for success. Bryant is recognized nationally for integrating business and the arts and sciences to provide students with a powerful combination of highly marketable skills. With a strong emphasis on experiential learning, your Bryant education will include opportunities for internships, consulting, participation in national conferences and competitions, social entrepreneurship, and study abroad. Bryant's inspiring and purposeful student life is designed to enhance your learning and real-world credentials.

Here's an abbreviated sample path to success:



### VANESSA MACMILLAN '19

AmeriCorps Domestic Violence  
Victim Advocate  
Manchester District Court  
Manchester, NH



**MAJOR:** Politics and Law

**MINORS:** Business Administration

**HOMETOWN:** Bedford, NH

**PATH:** Member of Bryant's student-run \$1.8 million Archway Investment Fund; Executive Board Member and Public Relations Chair, Smart Women in Finance; Studied abroad, University of Leeds in England; Wealth Management Intern, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Investigative Intern, Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights; Lead Organizer, TEDxBryantU2019; Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society; and Legal Studies Commencement Award recipient.

*"We live in such a complex world, and I really want to understand it as best I can and work toward better outcomes in the future. Politics and Law provided a fascinating look at the people and the ideologies that have shaped the world and led to the formulation of ideas and theories that shape the field of international relations."*



## BRYANT POLITICS AND LAW GRADUATES ARE IN DEMAND

*In business, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations including:*

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- > BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
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- > COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
- > CONSTELLIS
- > IMG RELIANCE PVT. LTD.
- > INSIGHT GLOBAL
- > KIRKLAND & ELLIS, LLP
- > MANCHESTER, NH, POLICE DEPARTMENT MOBILIZATION FOR JUSTICE
- > NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL
- > NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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- > U.S. SENATOR JACK REED'S OFFICE
- > UMASS MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY HEALTHLINK

*In leading graduate programs including:*

- > American University
- > Boston College
- > Brown University
- > Bryant University
- > Dartmouth College
- > Duke University
- > Faulkner University
- > Georgetown University
- > New England Law
- > New York Law School
- > Northeastern
- > Pace University
- > Quinnipiac University
- > Roger Williams University
- > St. Bonaventure University
- > Suffolk University
- > Syracuse University
- > UConn
- > UMass – Dartmouth
- > University of Chicago
- > University of Rhode Island
- > Villanova University
- > Wake Forest University
- > Western New England University

## WHAT SETS BRYANT'S PROGRAM APART?

### 1 Opportunities to Excel

- Learn how to put theory into practice as a member of the Bryant Debaters, the University's Mock Trial team, Model United Nations, and other student organizations, some of which are advised by Politics and Law faculty members.
- Engage with Politics and Law faculty and students to organize campus presentations and discussions about current political and legal issues that range from the road to the election to the constitutionality of prayer in public schools to global terrorism.
- As an outstanding student, you may be eligible for induction into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Membership includes the ability to publish in the organization's journal of undergraduate research and to apply for graduate study scholarships.

### 2 Off-Campus Learning Opportunities

- A partnership between Bryant University and The Washington Center in the U.S. capital provides you with semester-long internship opportunities that have included the White House, the FBI, the National Opera House, leading think tanks, and law or accounting firms.
- Politics and Law students have held local internships in the R.I. Attorney General's Office and Court System, other branches of government, law and consulting firms, and nonprofit organizations.
- Students also have the opportunity to study abroad. Learn about war crime trials in European courts in a special summer course led by a Bryant faculty member or earn credit while studying in traditional programs or completing an internship.

### 3 Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership

- Collaborate with dynamic faculty members from a variety of disciplines as they work to provide public officials with tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and effectively manage responsive organizations.
- Learn from internship opportunities assisting a team that works with prominent policymakers and public leaders.

To learn more about Politics and Law or other programs at Bryant, please contact:  
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