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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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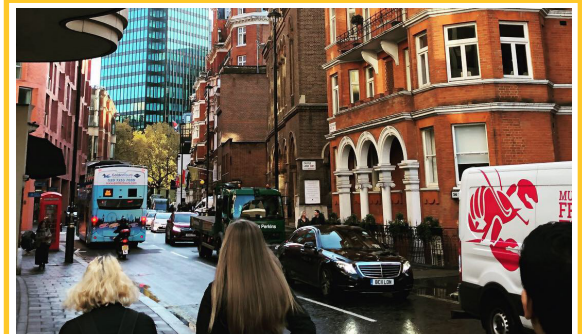
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Business
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- » Government
 - » Federal
 - » Local
 - » State
- » Individual Political Campaigns
- » Law
- » Marketing
- » News Media
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POLITICAL SCIENCE AT BHSU

Political Science majors at BHSU master critical analysis, research, and writing skills. These skills are always in demand by employers, which allows the individual equipped with a degree in Political Science to pursue a wide variety of career opportunities in the private and public sector. A Political Science degree at BHSU offers:

- **A CHALLENGING** academic environment that helps inspire students to excel.
- **INTERNSHIP** opportunities with state and federal representatives.
- **SMALL CLASSES** and direct contact with professors.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** for each interest and major including the political science club which sponsors debates and campus events.



PAID INTERNSHIPS & STUDY ABROAD

At BHSU Political Science majors have multiple opportunities to gain real world experience as they complete their degrees. The South Dakota Legislature offers paid internships where students gain networking skills and work experience. There are also paid internships available to work with national representatives. Global experience is increasingly in demand, and BHSU students are able to complete a semester of coursework towards their degree in another country.



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COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

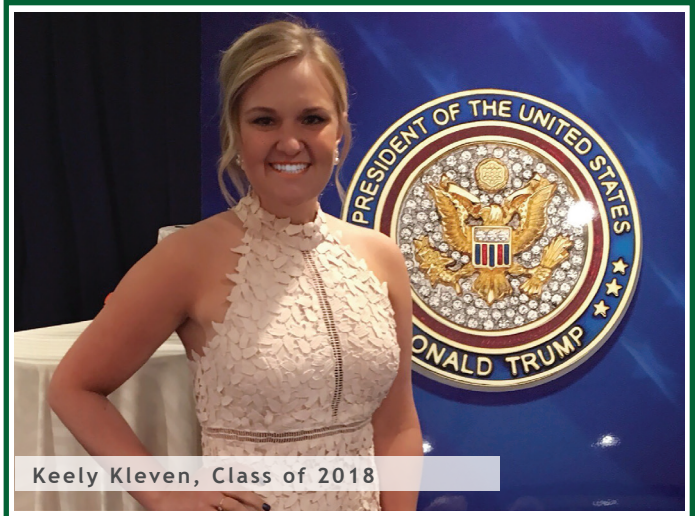
Political Science students at BHSU take a diverse range of courses through their studies. Some of these unique classes are:

- **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:** Can war be just or abolished? Do trade and democracy provide pathways to peace? These are some of the questions explored in International Relations. Students also engage in a 10 week online simulation of International Relations that demonstrates key concepts and issues involving conflict, diplomacy, international law, human rights, and trade.
- **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:** How much religion should be allowed in public schools? Is the death penalty cruel and unusual? Can the national government regulate semi-automatic rifles? Study the history and development of civil rights and liberties in a class designed for both those interested in law school and those just interested in big political questions.
- **POLITICAL THEORY:** What rights do we have and how are these rights in tension with one another? What is the relationship between the common good and self-interest? Does justice exist or is the meaning of justice merely dictated to us by the powerful? This course surveys the development of normative and political concepts in Western thought. Students will critically evaluate the ideas of political theorists like Plato, Machiavelli, Locke, the Federalists, Marx, Nietzsche, Dubois, and Friedan.



CODY DROLC
CLASS OF 2015

Currently pursuing his PhD at the University of Missouri, Drolc says, “The generous mentorship provided by the BHSU political science faculty is unmatched and helped me successfully navigate the daunting process of applying to a PhD program. Inside and outside the classroom, professors took the time to help develop my analytical skills, explore research topics of personal interest, and encourage independent inquiry. I am grateful for the foundation laid at BHSU for helping me pursue my passion for politics and succeed in graduate school.”



A FEW WORDS FROM ALUMNI

KEELY KLEVEN, CLASS OF 2018

Currently attending Law School at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Keely Kleven traveled the world through opportunities with BHSU.

Kleven says, “There are many reasons I am grateful for the BHSU Political Science program, but the most important is how well it prepared me to be successful in law school. The professors are willing to go above and beyond to see you succeed and to give you real world experience. Through BHSU, I was able to intern in Washington D.C. for a Congressman—an experience that is one of many. The program emphasizes critical thinking and clear, concise communication, both of which are pertinent to success in law school and in the work place.”

JUSTIN LOGUE, CLASS OF 2019

During his time with BHSU, Justin Logue also traveled internationally and studied abroad in Lithuania.

Logue says, “As a political science student, I was able to work alongside three other political science students to develop and implement a restorative justice based diversion program for students on campus, now known as the Thompson Diversion Program. When developing this program, the professors of the political science program served as great resources. Dr. Cariveau, specifically, was imperative to the program being implemented. She was the constant voice of reason and justice in these discussions. This program was developed by students for students, but it would not have been possible without the help of faculty and staff.”

Where
Anything
is Possible