



Hood College

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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A degree in political science or law and criminal justice can prepare you for graduate school, law school or a career in government, public administration, community advocacy, education, journalism, nonprofit organizations or international business. In all of our programs, you will have access to hands-on learning opportunities, such as internships, study abroad, the Model United Nations and the Maryland Student Legislature, through which you can earn academic credit.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science offers two tracks: American politics and global politics. The American politics track focuses on institutions, elections and political behavior in the United States. The global politics track offers interdisciplinary exposure to global issues and diverse cultures. In either concentration, you will be encouraged to take courses across a wide range of subjects to prepare you for a variety of careers in the public or private sectors. The political science major provides you with an introduction to decision making at various levels of government, an understanding of public policy formation, and the correlation between political and economic problems. You will gain experience in research and the world of politics, with a solid foundation in critical thinking and writing.

CHANGE STARTS
WITH YOU.



The Department of Political Science, Law and Criminal Justice at Hood College is truly special. The department played an outsized role in preparing me for graduate school, while also providing me with the skills and a foundation in politics that I was able to translate into an internship in Washington, D.C.

—NOAH HERSH '24
Political Science Major



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PROGRAMS

- Political Science (B.A.)
 - American Politics Track
 - Global Politics Track
- Law and Criminal Justice (B.A.)
 - Law Track
 - Criminal Justice Track
- Global Studies Minor
- Nonprofit and Civic Engagement Studies Minor
- Political Science Minor

LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The law and criminal justice major offers two complementary tracks. The law track prepares you for law school and careers in the legal profession, including roles such as prosecutor, defense attorney and judge. The criminal justice track focuses on criminal behavior and the operation of justice institutions, preparing you for careers in law enforcement, government, social justice and nonprofit organizations.

Courses emphasize evidence-based practice, centered on people and informed by trauma, so students understand the lived experiences of individuals and communities within the justice system. As part of the program, you can gain applied experience through our moot courtroom and other experiential opportunities that connect classroom learning with justice practice, policy and community engagement. There are also opportunities to attend professional conferences, including the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Hood's location offers numerous internship opportunities with local, state and federal government agencies as well as access to professional conferences and field-based learning.

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Amnesty International
- Frederick City/County Government
- Maryland Attorney General
- Maryland State Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

Hood participates in the Washington Semester Program with American University, where students live in the residence halls, take a course and complete an extensive internship program during their junior or senior year, connecting classroom learning with real-world policy and justice practice.

The Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) provides real-world civics education through legislative simulation experiences with other college students from across Maryland.

The Model United Nations is an organization designed to spread awareness of the United Nations and its mission. Model UN seeks to foster collaborative problem solving through diverse, engaged student membership. The organization attends two conferences a year, typically in Washington, D.C.

The Shirley Conner Hardinge Center for Global and International Studies enhances the teaching, learning and research of global issues at Hood College. The center prepares you to pursue internships, study abroad experiences, departmental honors papers and other co-curricular activities, while supporting engagement in evidence-based and trauma-informed approaches to justice and policy.

CAREERS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Political science and law and criminal justice majors enjoy strong employment outcomes and work in a wide array of sectors, including government, public service, education, healthcare, private practice, communications and research.

- Congressional Aide
- Federal Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Government Liaison
- Grant Writer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Judicial Clerk
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Lobbyist
- Paralegal
- Public Affairs Adviser
- Public Policy Specialist





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Our faculty are committed teachers, active in scholarship, service and mentorship—faculty who will work with you and help develop your critical thinking skills.

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