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**The Hood College**

## **Department of Political Science**

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## The Center for Global and International Studies

The Shirley Conner Hardinge Center for Global and International Studies enhances the teaching, learning and research of global issues at Hood College. The Center was established in 2010 and works with multiple offices and departments on campus to prepare you to pursue internships, study abroad experiences, departmental honors papers, curricular initiatives and other co-curricular activities. We also provide you with career path focus in the broadly defined categories of global business, politics and cultures.

The Center for Global Studies also hosts many workshops and lectures throughout the semester. Oftentimes, the speakers spend the day on campus, visiting classes and providing you with opportunities to connect and network with respected professionals.

For more than 35 years, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program has brought prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders and other non-academic professionals to campus across the U.S. for substantive dialogue with students and faculty members. Through a week-long residential program of classes, seminars, workshops, lectures and informal discussions, the fellows create better understanding and new connections between the academic and non-academic worlds. Hood College has hosted Florence Reed, CEO and founder of Sustainable Harvest International, and Rodney Bent, former director of the United Nations Secretary-General's Office in Washington, D.C.



## The Department of Political Science

Hood offers majors and minors in political science and global studies. Many students also choose to double major in a field such as economics, foreign language or history. Students majoring in global studies may wish to consider the five-year B.A./MBA degree opportunity designed so students may earn their Master of Business Administration on an accelerated schedule.

As a senior, you'll have the opportunity to take advanced elective courses that are generally not offered at schools our size. These will prepare you for graduate school, law school or your career in government, public administration, community advocacy, education, journalism, or international or nonprofit business.

Our faculty are committed teachers and mentors and represent a wide range of academic disciplines, interests and strengths. While faculty members are active scholars in their individual research fields, their primary concern is teaching.

You'll have access to internships, study abroad opportunities, the Model United Nations, and the Maryland Student Legislature, through which you can earn academic credit.

## Majors and Minors

### Majors

- **Political Science Major (B.A.)**
- **Global Studies Major (B.A.)**

### Minor

- **Nonprofit and Civic Engagement Studies Minor**
- **Political Science Minor**
- **Global Studies Minor**





## Political Science

The political science courses cover four areas in the discipline: U.S. politics and policy, comparative politics and international relations, law, and political theory. You will be encouraged to take courses in each of these concentrations so that you will be prepared for a wide 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 of the correlation between political and economic problems. It also provides experience in research, exposure to the practical world of politics, and an appreciation of the need for good writing skills. Combined with study in related disciplines, the political science major is a strong liberal arts program. It also is suitable for a double major combined with business administration, economics, history or a similar discipline.

## Global Studies

By its very definition, a global studies major is interdisciplinary; in it, you will study language, political science, economics, art and art history, philosophy, religion, history, sociology and anthropology. You will have life-changing opportunities study abroad and taking part in a global studies internship. You will gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and an understanding of the global issues confronting the world today. In this major, you will confront the realities of the world and become a knowledgeable global citizen.



## Beyond the Classroom

Hood's location near Washington, D.C., and Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, offers numerous internship opportunities with governmental agencies. In Frederick, internships with county and local government agencies are widely available. In recent years, Hood students have interned at locations such as:

- Amnesty International
- Center for Democracy
- Frederick City Government
- Frederick County Government
- Housing Trust of Frederick
- Maryland Attorney General, Frederick County Office
- Maryland Commission on Human Relations
- Maryland General Assembly
- Maryland State Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives
- White House

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.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of study abroad opportunities. The most popular programs take students to Spain, France and London.

## Fast Facts

- The Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) provides real-world civics education through legislative simulation experiences with other college students from across the state of Maryland. The Hood College MSL delegation was recognized as the state's best delegation in 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2017.
- The Model United Nations is an organization designed to spread awareness of the United Nations and its mission amongst members of Hood College. The Model United Nations seeks to foster collaborative problem-solving through a diverse and engaged student membership. The organization attends two conferences a year, mostly in Washington, D.C. and New York City.
- Training Ms. President—Every fall, Hood partners with other Maryland colleges to host a training seminar for women interested in running for elective office.
- A recent Summer Research Institute project included two students working with Dr. Hoda Zaki and the League of Women Voters.



## About Hood

Founded in 1893 in Frederick, Maryland, Hood College is a coeducational, independent, liberal arts college, which offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate certificates. Home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students from 25 states and 15 countries, Hood offers 32 majors, 50 minors, and pre-professional preparation in medicine, veterinary science, pharmacy, dentistry and law. Hood students experience small class sizes, where they receive individual attention from supportive faculty. With its proximity to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and the I-270 biotech corridor, Hood gives its students access to countless internships and research opportunities.

At Hood, we are challenging students to improve their critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills and preparing them not just for their first jobs, but for their careers. For high-achieving students, we offer a four-year honors program with a living and learning setting expanding the curriculum with an emphasis on interdisciplinary education through discussion-based seminars, collaborative projects and experiential learning opportunities. Eighty-five percent of first-year students live on campus; more than 40 campus clubs and organizations as well as 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams and two club-level athletic teams create an active and vibrant campus environment.

Hood, in addition to its exceptional undergraduate programs, also offers 19 master's degrees, 10 certificate programs and two doctoral programs. Our graduate programs are designed to work in tandem with our bachelor's degrees so that students can take advantage of five-year, dual-degree programs. Hood is located in a fantastic college town; students are within walking distance of shops, galleries and restaurants and a vibrant downtown. A tremendous alumni network offers students and graduates mentoring, connections, guidance and advice. The Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report and many other publications have recognized Hood as an affordable top-tier institution.

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