

MAJOR MAP

WHO WE ARE

- In the Political Science degree program at Tennessee State University, we strive to develop our majors across several categories during their matriculation:
- Fostering: We prepare our majors for graduate and law school programs, as well as diverse careers in leadership in the public and private sectors.
- Advisement & Teaching: our program provides full-spectrum advisement and instruction to promote the retention, progression, and completion of our students, as well as readying our majors for a wide variety of career pathways

What skills will students learn throughout this program?

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Leadership Development Skills
- Research: Statistical, Legal, and Theory
- Civics & Citizenship Responsibilities
- Teamwork & Networking
- Understanding Political, Cultural, and Economic Systems & Structures
- Written; Verbal; Technical & Legal Writing; Public Speaking/Presentation Skills



CAREER OUTCOMES:

- Attorney
- Judge
- Campaign Manager
- Lobbyist
- Paralegal
- FBI/CIA Analyst or Agent
- Corporate Legal Counsel
- Public Policy Specialist

AREAS OF STUDY:

- Pre-Law
- International Affairs
- International Affairs
- Government Certification
- 7-12/Teaching Certification



WHAT SKILLS ARE YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR?

- Critical Thinking
- Communication Skills
- Research and Analytical Skills
- Political Knowledge
- Policy Analysis
- Cross-Cultural Competence
- Ethical and Moral Awareness
- Problem-Solving
- Leadership
- Legal Knowledge



For more information, [click here](https://www.tnstate.edu/politicalscience/)
<https://www.tnstate.edu/politicalscience/>

Undergraduate Experiential Major Map: Political Science



First Year/Freshman

- Complete your Handshake Profile.
- Complete your four-year educational plan in UNIV 1000 during the fall semester.
- Focus on your studies and earn good grades.
- Visit the [Office of Student Success \(OSS\)](#) and connect with your advisor for help navigating college life and your classes. Make an appointment using the student planner app and view the OSS page for other hours and services.
- First Generation students connect with your [First Generational Specialist](#).
- Get to know professors. The best time to connect outside of class is during their office hours.
- Visit the [Academic Achievement and Retention Center](#) for access to study tips, connecting to academic coaches, tutoring, and other helpful resources.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Get involved - Attend organizational fairs, special/corporate events, and volunteer on and off campus.

Sophomore & Junior

- Update your resume and remove high school activities. Have it critiqued by the [Career Development Center](#).
- Review and update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles.
- Attend the Career Fair (Sponsored by the [Career Development Center](#))
- Explore graduate school options.
- Begin preparing for GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and other exams for graduate school admissions.
- Begin building your professional wardrobe.
- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Attend institutional and departmental internship workshops.

Senior

- Meet with your [departmental academic advisor](#) to confirm degree progress and discuss your future academic and career goals.
- Apply for [Graduate and Professional School](#) or jobs that fit your interests, skills, and career goals. Follow up on applications and keep a record of the status of each.
**pay attention to due dates*
- Draft a cover letter that can be adapted for a variety of employers. Have it critiqued.
- Complete the Senior Exit Exam and First Destination Survey. ([Testing Center](#))

Academic Success Checklist

- Book an appointment with your academic advisor for pre-registration and advising.
- Discover library resources.
- Visit the math, reading, writing, and tutoring center.
- Complete FAFSA and academic scholarship applications.

Educational Planning Checklist

- Ask your academic advisor about High Impact Practices
- Participate in at least two High Impact Practices at TSU
- Join a student group.

Career Development Checklist

- Create your HandShake Profile.
- Visit [What Can I Do With This Major](#)
- Attend the career fair to expand your network.
- Attend Academic Department workshops and seminars.

Think

Engaging in critical thinking and inquiry inside the classroom.

Work

Pursue experiences that will allow you to grow as a leader and professional.

Serve

Explore opportunities to contribute to the broader community and global marketplace.