



DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE
College of Arts and Sciences

Promote advancement with a degree in Political Science: Public Policy

SHAPE the future of governance.
ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES to understand their needs.
ADVOCATE for evidence-based policies and solve problems.



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR+
Your Courses	Broaden your knowledge base with Gen Eds. Cover the basics of US politics in POLS 1113 and global politics with POLS 2013 or 2113 .	Learn research literacy in POLS 2213. Build foundational knowledge about the policy-making process in POLS 3493 . Continue with Gen Eds.	Explore the data science side of political science with POLS 3103 . Select electives in your chosen policy area of focus.	Engage in advanced thinking and problem-solving with the POLS 4903 thesis while finishing electives or working internships.
Your Experience	Stay engaged with current events and political developments by attending department lectures, conferences, or workshops.	Identify summer internships or other field experiences. Learn how to research and analyze current policy issues and present solutions.	Apply for a Wentz Award or work with a faculty mentor as a research assistant. Apply for a CAS Internship Scholarship.	Publish research or policy writing in an online journal or blog. Present at the OSU Undergraduate Research Symposium.
Your Community	Join SGA, CAS Student Council, or a campus advocacy group. Join O.I.L. and write, debate, and pass legislation in a student-led mock government.	Stay engaged with current events and political developments by attending department lectures, conferences, or workshops.	Help lead the O.I.L. Okstate delegation. Travel with student groups to OKC or DC to advocate for policies you find important.	Run for state-level office for O.I.L. Serve in SGA leadership or on the Pi Sigma Alpha exec board.
Your Career Readiness	Attend department networking events, panels, and guest talks to learn from industry experts and gain insights into different career paths.	Apply what you learn in class to real-world advocacy work. Look into interning with a local or national think tank, nonprofit, or lobbying group.	Prepare for the GRE. Apply for a Truman, Udall, or other funding to support graduate training. Work as an intern.	Participate in resume or interview workshops with Career Services. Apply for graduate school or work for a government agency.
Your Personalized Path	Consider adding a 2nd Major or Minor related to your policy focus such as in Business, Education, or Resource Management.			

YOU WILL LEARN

The causes of and solutions to modern policy challenges. How to analyze, evaluate, formulate, and implement policy. How to develop recommendations and present findings to interested stakeholders. How to build a more resilient and fair society.

WHAT IS NEXT

Work in fields like: Policy Analysis, Consulting, Urban Planning, Public Health, Business

Enter graduate school for: Public Policy, Public Administration.

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