

Can you see yourself in government, law, diplomacy, management, non-profit work, journalism, or graduate studies? Is it your aspiration to be a leader in whatever profession or sphere of life you choose? Would you like to understand not only the problems and successes of the world, but also their causes and what you can do for the betterment of society? If so, the Department of Political Science and Leadership Studies at St. Ambrose University is just what you're looking for.

Shape and change the nation. Political scientists study the origin, development, and operation of political systems and public policy. They conduct research on a wide range of subjects—relations between the United States and other countries, institutions and the political life of nations, politics of small towns and large metropolitan areas, and the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Depending on the topic, a political scientist might conduct a public opinion survey, analyze election results, evaluate public documents or interview public officials to generate perspectives that can shape and change the way we function as a nation.

Learn how to think carefully and critically. As a St. Ambrose political science student, you will learn how to think carefully and critically about important questions. You will also learn how to write and speak well, how to ground problems in historic issues and how to collect information to analyze problems. The faculty will provide you with opportunities to gain theoretical insights and practical knowledge of the political world. The diverse coursework will enrich your mind and teach you quantitative skills such as gathering and interpreting statistics, and qualitative skills such as discerning between public opinion and propaganda.

Ambrose Advantages

Extra-curricular opportunities. Extra-curricular opportunities, paid for by an endowment set up to specifically support students interested in political science and pre-law include a fully funded Mock Trial team and Model UN team. Funding also covers the costs for students to present their research at academic conferences and a select few paid internships.

Dynamic and productive. Through activities such as Mock Trial and Model UN, students and faculty develop closer ties and stronger commitments to the study of political science and leadership. Often our alumni volunteer to meet with current students in and outside of the classroom to share experiences and assist the overall growth of our current students. These opportunities provide our students a dynamic and productive classroom atmosphere.



Career Opportunities

Political science graduates have a wide range of career opportunities in all sectors of the economy: **for-profit enterprises** in large and small businesses, **technology consulting and communications**; non-profit organizations engaged in **education, philanthropy, social and community services**; and **public service** in legislative, executive and judicial agencies at the national, state and local levels of government.

Our graduates go on to law school, graduate school, gain employment in positions at all levels of government, run for **political office**, are successful **managers** in business, non-profits and government organizations.

Career Outlook

- > Many St. Ambrose political science majors go on to law school. Lawyers earned a median salary of \$113,530 in 2012, and nearly 75,000 jobs are projected to open in the field through 2022.
- > Political scientists with a master's degree earned a median salary of \$102,000 in 2012. The field is projected to grow by 21 percent through 2022.

Alumni Success Stories

- > Joe Barnum (SAU 2016) is employed with AmeriCorps as a team leader for FEMA in the Southern Region of the United States headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- > Joe Dillon (SAU 2016) is enrolled in the Master of Security and Anti-Terrorism program at King's College in London, England.
- > Paige Echele (SAU 2016) is enrolled in the Master Urban and Regional Planning program at the University of Iowa.
- > Natividad Hirsch (SAU 2016) is employed with AmeriCorps VISTA at Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa.
- > Chris Hollis (SAU 2016) is in the PhD program in political science at the University of Iowa.
- > Robyn Kincaide (SAU 2016) is a 2016 Fulbright recipient and teaches English in South Korea.
- > Kathryn Brown (SAU 2014) is at DePaul University Law School and serves as judicial extern for the Honorable Joan H. Lefkow of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and is the managing editor of lead articles for the DePaul Law Review.
- > Rachel Molsberry (SAU 2014) is enrolled at the University of Minnesota Law School and serves as a legal intern with the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health Branch.
- > Henry J. Marquard (SAU 2013) is the Director of Government Affairs at the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce in Davenport.
- > Jordan Williams (SAU 2013) is a JD candidate at the Northern Illinois University School of Law.
- > Sarah Gorham (SAU 2010) is an attorney at Stengel, Bailey & Robertson, Rock Island, Ill. She serves as coach for the SAU Mock Trial team, continuing the tradition of leading a highly competitive and award-winning team.
- > Kelsey Marquard (SAU 2009), is a trial lawyer at Hopkins and Huebner in Davenport.
- > Josh McIntyre (SAU 2008) is an attorney at Lane & Waterman, Davenport.

Your Career: Networking, Internships and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career.

Political science students have many opportunities to work and learn through the legislative offices of area senators and representatives and with the chambers of commerce, which lobby at the state capitals for local business and economic issues.

Iowa's "first in the nation" caucuses role in presidential elections means that a steady stream of presidential hopefuls visit the area, often making stops on campus. St. Ambrose has hosted many legislative forums, and political debates featuring candidates seeking local, state and national offices. These events provide extraordinary opportunities to observe, participate, volunteer, or even intern or make a career connection.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. The Political Science degree can also be earned with a concentration in Pre-Law, International Politics, or Public Policy and Administration. Minors are available in Political Science, Leadership or Pre-Law Studies. For complete curriculum information and course descriptions, consult the Course Catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.