Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics

ABOUT THE B.A. IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Having an understanding of politics—local, state, national, and international—is critical in a world made smaller by technology. Government and politics majors acquire knowledge in American government, political theory, comparative politics, and international relations, and develop skills for understanding the world around them. Courses such as International Law, Genocide, State and Local Government, Public Opinion and Politics, and Feminism allow students to study these topics in depth and better understand the events, forces, and factors that shape political interactions. Internship provide real-world experience related to this knowledge.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS?
The research, writing, analytical, and communication skills that students develop in the government and politics program are the foundation for success in any field. It is an ideal major for students wishing to pursue careers in the civil or foreign services, public or private administration, education, or law. Opportunities for graduates with backgrounds in government and politics are expected to grow at a rapid rate, with an overall 21 percent increase in jobs by the year 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Recent graduates of the government and politics program at St. John’s have secured positions as legislative aides, lobbyists, research analysts, political journalists, and campaign staffers. They have also found employment in federal agencies, the US Senate, the CIA, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), major corporations, and media conglomerates.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
Government and politics is a vibrant major filled with students from all sides of the political spectrum whose interests in politics are as diverse as they are. As a major, you will have the opportunity to learn, participate in, and experience politics in many forms, from inside the classroom and online with our expert faculty; through internships with our connections in New York City and around the country; and by traveling abroad.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Especially motivated students may enter the five-year combined B.A./M.A. Government and Politics program, saving one year in earning both degrees. For more information, please visit stjohns.edu/liberalarts/combined.

Global studies programs complement the government and politics major with an international, experiential dimension. These programs include Discover the World: Europe, which allows students to study in three countries in just one semester, as well as semester-length study on the Rome and Paris campuses. For more information about study abroad, please visit stjohns.edu/academics/global-academic-education.

Our internship program allows students to apply their theoretical knowledge to various settings and gain crucial experience.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
St. John’s University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than $500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit stjohns.edu/services/financial.

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