



## Politics



### The Juniata Advantage

- **Deepen Your Understanding:** In addition to American and international subject matter, politics courses also cover public policy, comparative politics, law, and philosophy.
- **Design Your Own Degree:** Plan your own course of study to reflect personal interests ranging far beyond the political arena. Blend political science with the study of film, psychology, international law, or environmental studies.
- **Prepare for Law School:** Politics students find the Program of Emphasis (POE) particularly helpful as preparation for a law career. The College's pre-law adviser, Jack Barlow, works with students to find educational plans that fit their interest. He also helps each student through the law school application process. Juniata's pre-law program "lives" in the politics department, but students interested in law school can pursue any course of study, from art history to chemistry to psychology.

### Juniata's Outcomes

Juniata politics alumni have earned **six Fulbright awards, two U.S. Department of State Pickering Fellowships, and six Finnegan Fellowships** to intern in Harrisburg. They have been accepted at prestigious law schools, including Penn, William and Mary, and Yale, and have studied public policy or international relations at Harvard, Notre Dame, London School of Economics, Columbia, Penn, and more. They enjoy careers as lawyers, judges, government policy makers, and interest group representatives.

### Our Recent Graduates

- Morgan Dux '15 is **employed in the office of Pennsylvania State Representative Martina White.**
- Fatema Juma '15 was one of 12 students across the U.S. to earn a **Coro Fellowship**, a public affairs leadership development program that uses the city as a classroom to train the next generation of change makers.
- Emily King '14 is **employed as an assistant paralegal at Fragomen Worldwide**, a global immigration law firm.
- Erin Kreischer '13 is **employed at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition** in Boston, Mass.
- Ethan Wilt '15 is currently **enrolled in Penn State's Dickinson Law School** on a full scholarship. While at Juniata, Ethan won first place in the Civil and Equal Rights Essay Contest, held by the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He also interned for two county judges during his study here.

"Because of the politics department at Juniata, I have had some truly amazing and life-changing experiences that include attending the Democratic National Convention and Presidential Inauguration, as well as an internship at the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg."

—Alexis Waksmunski '15

POLITICS WITH A SECONDARY EMPHASIS  
IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

### A Sampling of Courses

African Politics  
Congress and the Presidency  
Constitutional Interpretation  
European Politics  
International Law and Human Rights  
Liberalism  
Model United Nations  
Political Psychology  
Politics of Developing Nations  
Public Policy and Administration  
State and Local Government  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Western Political Thought

## A Politics POE Story

First, choose from three politics POEs: **politics**, **international politics**, or **philosophy, politics and economics**. Or, create your own POE. The politics curriculum is organized around three basic dimensions: American politics and policy, international and comparative politics, and law and philosophy. Special topics courses and research seminars broaden the offerings.

Once you've taken a few courses, you'll be able to enjoy the many hands-on experiences Juniata's politics department offers. Intern at a local political office—Juniata is located in Huntingdon, Pa., the county seat; in Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania State Capitol; in Washington, D.C., the nation's capitol; or in a foreign capitol.

Every year, many politics students study abroad, some through Politics Professor Emil Nagengast's popular journeys to the African country of The Gambia, where they focus on international development. But, electoral politics, constitutional issues and European politics are up for debate as well. So, regardless of the hands-on opportunities you choose, you'll learn to think critically and cogently about political matters, understand what is going on in the world, and make reasoned choices about contemporary political issues. But don't just take our word for it.

*"In every politics course at Juniata, the professors presented me with new perspectives," says Ethan Wilt '15, who earned first place in the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Civil & Equal Rights Essay Contest. "At Juniata, I felt challenged to defend my own beliefs and ideas."*



## Student Opportunities

**Study Abroad:** We have programs on every continent except Antarctica.

**Intern in Washington, D.C.:** Students seeking internships in Washington, D.C. can find many opportunities thanks to Juniata's cooperative agreement with the Washington Center, which has programs in D.C., Harrisburg, and Philadelphia. Our students also intern with local and regional agencies.

**Accomplished Faculty:** Juniata's politics professors include the **Hon. Sam Hayes**, the former Pennsylvania House Majority Leader and former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, as well as the **Hon. Keith Pesto**, a federal magistrate.

**Clubs:** The College hosts a statewide **Model United Nations** conference for high school students. Juniata's Model U.N. club travels to Harvard, Yale, and the actual U.N. building for conferences. Don't forget to check out the **Juniata Republicans** club or the **Juniata Democrats** group.

**Undergraduate Research:** Take part in an in-depth exploration of politics culminating in a thesis paper. **Recent examples:** Alexander Dean '15, "Police Misconduct, Use of Force, and Accountability in the United States;" Morgan Dux '15, "Social Media Use by Members of and Candidates for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives."



## Faculty

At Juniata, **93 percent** of faculty hold the highest degree in their field. From classical philosophy to contemporary American and African political science, the faculty of Juniata's Politics Department are well-published in journals including *European Integration*, *History of Political Thought* and *Polity* and texts such as *Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-Century Europe* and *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*. Two have won the Beachley Award for Distinguished Teaching and one worked at the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution in Washington, D.C., for the commission chairman, late Chief Justice of the United States, Warren E. Burger.

Politics Department Chair:  
Emil Nagengast, B.A., Middlebury College, M.A., University of Kansas, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh.



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