

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

TURN YOUR PASSION FOR POLITICS INTO A CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The political science degree program at Kaplan University is designed to help you develop the knowledge base to pursue a career in government, business, political campaigns, the nonprofit sector, and many other fields.¹ Our curriculum explores both political science theory and its practical application to public policy. As part of the School of Legal Studies, it provides a legal focus that is ideal for students interested in pursuing a future in law.² Our online classes offer flexibility for working professionals, and feature course content that is available virtually anytime, day or night.

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A POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION IS GROWING IN DEMAND

Across the public and private sectors, there is increasing demand for individuals with an understanding of the political system and government. Kaplan University's political science program could help prepare students for a wide array of positions in politics, research, the legal field, and more.¹ Many of these occupations are expected to grow by 7 to 30 percent or higher by the year 2018.³ The program is also designed to help prepare students to serve in state and local government, in which wage and salary employment is expected to expand through 2018.⁴

Because those who hold a political science degree could pursue employment in a range of fields, salaries for related positions will vary.



PURSUE THE CAREER THAT CAN HELP YOU MAXIMIZE YOUR TALENT

A Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Kaplan University could help increase your marketability in numerous industries.

Graduates of this program could work in the following environments:

- Federal, local, or state government offices or agencies
- Community service or nonprofit organizations
- Businesses and corporations
- Journalism or media
- Campaigns and polling/elections sites
- Lobbying organizations
- Offices of federal and state senators and representatives
- Political action committees
- Political parties
- Trade and professional organizations
- Policy and research organizations

Careers graduates could attain with a political science degree include:

- Activist, advocate/organizer
- Administrator—corporate, contract, government, or nonprofit
- Assistant director of volunteer services
- Analyst—banking, corporate, government, policy, research
- Campaign operative
- City planner or housing administrator
- Congressional office/committee staffer
- Coordinator of governmental relations
- Corporate public affairs advisor
- Foreign service officer
- Journalist or freelance writer
- Immigration or intelligence officer
- International agency officer
- International research specialist
- Labor relations specialist
- Legislative assistant
- Lobbyist
- Mediator
- Political commentator
- Pollster
- Public opinion analyst
- Research and policy associate

Students who continue to graduate or law school² could pursue such positions as:

- Attorney/litigator
- Corporate executive
- Foundation president
- High school teacher
- Political scientist
- University administrator or professor

DEPENDING ON THE CAREER CHOICE, POSSIBLE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE:¹

- Write drafts of legislative proposals and prepare speeches, correspondence, and policy papers for governmental use
- Analyze business intelligence data from available industry reports, public information, field reports, or purchased sources
- Collect election results and public opinion surveys; report on findings, recommendations, and conclusions

A CURRICULUM THAT REACHES ACROSS DISCIPLINES

The political science degree program at Kaplan University is designed to provide an in-depth education in political science theory and the local, national, and global challenges facing current government organizations. Curriculum examines political science from many angles, incorporating elements of economics, law/legal studies, public policy, governmental structure, and social science. This interdisciplinary approach offers a detailed understanding of how various political, legal, governmental, and economic entities interact. Students have the opportunity to learn how this knowledge may be used to develop leadership in the political spectrum, and could also gain skills in research, analysis, and ethical decision-making. And by studying political science through multiple disciplines, students could develop a knowledge base that is applicable to a broad range of industries and careers.¹

The outcomes for the Bachelor of Science in Political Science are:

- Assess the organization and structure of governmental organizations in the context of legislative and administrative processes
- Apply techniques to access the political system in order to effectively advocate for social and political change
- Analyze relationships between law and political institutions, economic and political power, and culture and political identity
- Analyze political, administrative, and policy theories, and assess their impact on political processes and policy development
- Apply ethical principles to decision making, actions, and interactions within the political process
- Evaluate the political process, public decision-making, and global implementation

Program Detail

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Credit Hours: 180

Accelerated Master's Degree Option for Bachelor's Degree Students

Eligible students in this bachelor's degree program who want to continue on to pursue a master's degree within the School of Legal Studies or School of Criminal Justice may be interested in the accelerated master's degree option. Students complete graduate-level courses within this undergraduate plan of study. Once accepted to the master's degree program, students transfer in the graduate courses and matriculate into a shortened degree plan. This accelerated option allows students to complete both their bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Academic Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.



HERE IS WHAT OUR FACULTY HAS TO SAY

Urban R. Cleaves, JD, MA⁵

• Adjunct Professor, School of Legal Studies

“Kaplan University is well suited to provide a grand understanding of political science by exposing students to the beginnings of governance. Looking at how early societies were governed gives us a great comparison to modern day governance. Political science shares important theories and practices of decision making within government, which affects us all.”

Kevin J. Fandl, Esq.⁵

• Adjunct Professor of Legal Studies, School of Legal Studies

“Political science sets the stage for the development of political systems based on law and explains how the law worked for, or against, the various systems of government. Kaplan University is able to combine its successful law curriculum with an expansive and growing political science curriculum designed to give students the tools that they need to succeed in the legal field and in positions that rely on interdisciplinary skills.”

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WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁷

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Policy
- › Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
- › Master of Public Administration
- › Master of Science in Environmental Policy
- › Master of Science in Legal Studies
- › Executive Juris DoctorSM, Concord Law School
- › Juris Doctor, Concord Law School

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

- ¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.
- ² While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued graduate- or doctorate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.
- ³ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, SOC Codes: 25-4011.00, 19-3051.00, 19-3022.00, 27-3031. These facts and employment projections are provided for informational purposes only. Long-term projections are not intended to predict short-term changes in employment demand due to the current economy.
- ⁴ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008-18 National Employment Matrix, Detailed Occupation by Industry, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/emp/empoids.htm.
- ⁵ Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.
- ⁶ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.
- ⁷ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

Note From Dean

Political science is not just the study of politics in the United States; it is the study of political institutions along with the study of the political parties, public opinion, voting behavior, interest groups, political action committees, and much more. Our bachelor's degree in political science is designed to prepare you with the tools needed for success in a variety of political careers or to further your education in the law, public administration, or political science.



Karen Evans, PhD
Interim Dean, School of Legal Studies

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