About the Program
Political science sets the foundation for well-playing domestic and international careers that grapple with social, economic, and political problems. Political science majors develop the analytical and practical skills to navigate cultural, legal, and institutional roadblocks to success in everything from pushing for social change to working with governments to create business opportunities.

The faculty values active learning and works to create valuable opportunities for students to apply their skills and knowledge. Political science students routinely:

- engage in scholarly research with faculty;
- give conference presentations;
- meet with foreign political and military leaders while participating in Model NATO;
- travel internationally;
- study international diplomacy in preparing for the Model UN and Model African Union; and
- address community problems through a variety of nonpartisan groups and activities.

Pre-Law Advisement Program
For the past two decades, faculty members in political science have taken the lead in advising the majority of SRU’s future attorneys.

Career Opportunities
Our flexible curriculum allows students to start down the path into many domestic and international careers. Political science students go onto careers that blend problem solving and knowledge of government and human behavior. These careers include:

- law;
- urban planning;
- policy analysis;
- nonprofit advocacy;
- international relief and development;
- government relations (business);
- public administration;
- political communications;
- international security;
- lobbying; and
- campaign management.

Scholarships
The department distributes thousands of dollars in need and merit based scholarships. Please contact the department for additional information.

Internships

The Washington Center
This internship program places students in federal agencies, Congress, special interest groups and other organizations in Washington, D.C.

The Harrisburg Internship Semester
This is an internship program supported by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. One or two students are selected from each of the 14 state system universities to earn 15-credit hours in Harrisburg each spring and fall semester. Nine of the credits are obtained from a semester-long internship, three from a research project and three for completing a one night a week seminar class.

James G. Fulton Fellows Program and the J. Steele Gow Political Fellows Program of the Pittsburgh Foundation.
This program provides a paid internship in Washington, D.C.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Legislative Assembly Fellowship Program, provides paid internships in the state legislature.

Contact department for additional internship opportunities.

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