Welcome Class of 2022

Political Science Department

Plebe Majors Brief
Key Take-Aways

1. Political Science challenges you to think critically and communicate clearly.
2. Political Science is a robust major at the Naval Academy.
3. Political Science majors get broad exposure and have flexibility in their course of study.
4. Political Science majors have excellent opportunities for internships, graduate education.
5. Political Science majors serve in every service and branch.
The Political Science Department

- Faculty
  - 13 civilian
  - 10 military
  - 1 visiting professor
  - 3 adjunct professors
Can China Save the Global Order?

Mar 20, 2017 | YONG DENG

At the World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting in Davos in January, Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke in defense of globalization and offered a vision of inclusive, sustainable development. But can China really provide the

How Does Ethnic Rebellion Start?

Janet I. Lewis

Abstract
Because insurgent group format monitored areas, the empirico

It’s Time to Update INCSEA

By LCDR Rachael Cousell | September 25, 2016

Electoral Vulnerability, Constituency Focus, and Parliamentary Questions in the House of Commons

Michael Kellermann

Research Highlights and Abstract
This article:
• Demonstrates that use of written parliamentary questions by British MPs is influental context.
• The margin of victory in prior election decreases, members ask more
• Concludes that electorally vulnerable members use questions to signal effort, rather

Removing the Crutch: External Support and the Dynamics of Armed Conflict

Matthew Testerman

President Reelection Fundraising from Jimmy Carter to Barack Obama

BRENDAN J. DOHERTY

COALITION CHALLENGES IN AFGHANISTAN

Edited by
GALE A. MATTOX and STEPHEN M. GRENIER

Ecuador: Moreno’s Victory Probably Not Enough

By John Polga-Hecmanick
The Discipline of Political Science

- The study of patterns in political behavior
- The exploration of theories to explain these patterns
- A normative discussion of political behavior and institutions
The Discipline of Political Science

American Politics

Comparative Politics

International Relations

Methodology
Political Science Expertise

- Lt Col Crothers – domestic influence of armed conflict
- Prof Deng – China, East Asia, International Relations
- Prof Doherty – presidency, American Politics
- Prof Ernst – environmental policy, state and local politics, American Politics
- Assoc Prof Kellermann – political methodology, comparative politics, parties and federalism
- Asst Prof Lewis – armed conflict, Sub-Saharan Africa, international relations
- CDR Kwon – international maritime security, international relations
- Prof Mattox – national security, NATO, international relations
- CAPT Ostendorff – national security, nuclear politics
- Asst Prof Polga-Hecimovich – Latin America, bureaucratic politics, comparative politics
- CAPT Testerman – civil wars, comparative politics
- Assoc Prof Wheeler – Middle East politics, new media, qualitative methods
- Asst Prof Williams – civil military relations, American Politics
- Prof Wrage – ethics and international relations, case study
- Prof Zotti – American politics and law
Political Science Coursework

• 4 Required Survey Courses
  – American Politics
  – Comparative Politics
  – International Relations
  – Quantitative Methods

• 6 Electives
  – 60 elective sections offered each year
  – 30 different elective courses each year

• Capstone Course in 1/C year

• Political Science Honors sequence
  – Selections in Fall 2/C year
  – Reduces electives to 5, no capstone course
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Political Science Honors

- Graduate “with Honors”
- Significant independent research project
- Honors courses
  - FP500 Research Design (Spring 2/C year)
  - FP505 Senior Seminar (Fall 1/C year)
  - FP510 Senior Thesis (Spring 1/C year)
- Qualifications
  - 3.5 Major QPR, 3.25 QPR overall
  - Limited to approx. 12 1/C FPSH majors
- POC:
  - Associate Prof. Wheeler dwheeler@usna.edu
Poli Sci Sponsored Internships

• 60 midshipman internships
• 15-20 locations
  – Navy Staff (OPNAV)
  – CNO’s Office
  – State Department
  – Office of Naval Intelligence
  – Defense Intelligence Agency
  – NATO
  – Joint Staff

• Timeline
  – Announced at reform for Spring semester
  – Applications by mid-Jan
  – Decisions in mid-Feb

• POC: CDR Richardson
drichar@usna.edu
# Postgraduate Study

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<th>IGEP – Immediate Graduate Education Program</th>
<th>VGEP – Voluntary Graduate Education Program</th>
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<td>Quota: 20 Navy + 5 Marine Corps Program: Student locates and proposes the program (must be approved by the service community)</td>
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<td>Funding: Student must find at least 50% funding; student pays the balance</td>
<td>Earn a masters degree</td>
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<td>Length: 12 to 24 months</td>
<td>Navy pays $11,000 of total costs</td>
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<td>Begin in 8th semester at USNA; continue during the summer and fall of that year, finishing in December of the year you graduate</td>
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<td>Overall Order of Merit – top 200</td>
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<th>UKISP – United Kingdom &amp; International Scholarship Program</th>
<th>POC – Prof. Wrage <a href="mailto:wrage@usna.edu">wrage@usna.edu</a></th>
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<td>Rhodes at Oxford</td>
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<td>Marshall at any British University</td>
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**POC – Prof. Wrage wrage@usna.edu**
Poli Sci Service Assignment

- SWO – 28 (3 SWO-N, 2 SWO Intel)
- Submarines – 5
- Navy Pilot – 19
- Navy NFO – 10
- USMC Ground – 26
- USMC Pilot – 14
- Info Dominance Corps – 4
- Special Warfare (SEAL) – 4

Numbers approx. based on previous several years
Poli Sci Service Experts

- **SWO**
  - CDR Richardson
  - CDR Ostwind
- **Aviation**
  - CAPT Testerman (VQ)
  - LCDR Cleary (VP)
  - LT Yeager (HSM)
- **Submarines**
  - CAPT Ostendorff (Ret)
- **USA** – LTC Opladen
- **USAF** – Lt Col Crothers
- **USMC** – Maj Khalsa, Capt Williams
- **ROK Navy** – CDR Kwon