POLITICAL SCIENCE

Why study political science?
Ever wondered why the government has a hard time passing a budget? Why most Southern states vote for Republicans while the Northeast tends to vote on the left? Why democracies don't seem to make war on each other (but have no problem making war on non-democracies)? These questions, and others like them, are the mysteries that political science tries to solve. Interested in these questions? A political science major might be for you.

What can you do with a political science degree?
Political science emphasizes rigorous social scientific thought, logical reasoning and clear and precise communication, making it a common and desired major for students seeking to go on to law school. It is also a common major for students interested in pursuing careers in journalism. Government, business, professional programs and nonprofits all seek political science majors. Recent SXU graduates have found work in Illinois with the Cook County prosecutor’s office, in government both in Chicago and throughout the state, and with the Illinois Democratic Party. Others are employed in city government across the Midwest, and in Washington, D.C., where they work in think tanks and federal government agencies such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, and as lobbyists. Many of our political science majors go on to graduate study in law, public administration or political science. SXU graduates have attended graduate programs at Ohio State, University of Massachusetts, American University, Northwestern Law School and King’s College London.

Why study political science at SXU?
The political science major at Saint Xavier introduces students to the breadth of the discipline while giving them the opportunity to focus more specifically on areas of interest. Courses are offered in all the major subfields of the discipline: U.S. politics, comparative politics, international relations and political theory. Some recent student projects have explored why cities have different policies addressing homelessness, how media reporting of war affects readers’ attitudes, what factors contributed to the emergence of the Arab Spring revolts, and what Batman can teach us about the decline in American trust in government. Classroom instruction is supplemented by a wide array of internship opportunities in the Chicago area and in Washington, D.C., and by opportunities to participate in activities such as Mock Trial or Model United Nations.

Qualified students are invited to join Phi Chi, SXU’s chapter of the National Political Science Honor Society.

For more information visit www.sxu.edu, Keyword: Political.