

## Internships

**The Political Science Department at KSU offers students two in-house, semester-long internship programs, one in Columbus and one in Washington, DC.**



### *Columbus Program in Intergovernmental Issues (CPII)-*

Students in the Columbus Program spend the fall semester learning and interning in Columbus, OH. As interns, students gain first-hand experience in their field of interest, study the real-world processes and implications of policy-making, benefit from top-class mentoring, and have the opportunity to establish a professional network. Directed by Dr. Vernon Sykes, this internship program provides students with an exceptional opportunity for experiential learning.

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### *Washington Program in National Issues (WPNI)-*

WPNI participants spend the spring semester in Washington, D.C., interning in a wide variety of offices, studying government and policy-making, and benefiting from briefings with individuals ranging from Supreme Court Justices to national news anchors. Students learn networking skills, establish professional contacts, and learn first-hand the inner-workings of the national political scene. Along with the support and input from hundreds of alumni, many of whom live and work in the nation's capital, Dr. Richard Robyn continues to provide the instruction and mentoring that makes this experience invaluable to our students.

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*"Political Science is a dynamic field of study that prepares undergraduates for a range of professional careers. Kent State University Political Science alumni work in the public and private sector, across the United States and around the globe."*

<http://www.kent.edu/polisci/index.cfm>



## Why study Political Science?

### A Degree for Your Goals

The Political Science degree at Kent State University is designed to empower students and prepare them for success. With four areas of concentration, students may choose the area best suited to their interests and career goals.

- The American Politics concentration provides students with specialized study of U.S. institutions, including Congress, the Presidency, and the Courts, as well as courses on state and local politics, political opinion, election politics, and the media.
- The Transnational/Comparative concentration focuses on international policy and politics, including aid and development, energy and oil, human rights, Middle East politics, and Latin American politics.
- The Policy concentration offers courses focused on the policy-making processes that define governance. Here, students can take courses in health care policy, environmental policy, regulatory policy, and foreign policy.
- The General Major allows students to select any Political Science courses for their major, rather than selecting an area of concentration.

Students may also choose to minor in Political Science. Whether majoring or minoring in this field of study, students are prepared for a range of career opportunities upon graduation.

KSU Alumni currently serve in a wide variety of positions across the U.S. and internationally. To see more about our successful alumni, and their careers, follow us on Facebook and check out our "Alumni Photo Gallery"!



Kent State Political Science  
Department



## Knowledge and Skills to Succeed

Through course work and practical experience, students acquire the skills necessary to serve as effective leaders and public servants, to succeed in public affairs or the private sector, and to excel in advanced degree programs:

- **Advanced oral and written communication skills**
- **Critical thinking and problem solving**
- **Research and data analysis**
- **An ability to navigate and engage with interconnected policy-making circles**

Our diverse, expert faculty provide a level of instruction and mentoring that gives our students a competitive edge in an increasingly global market place.



**Kevin Hogan**  
Sr. Risk Manager Macy's  
'10 B.A., Economics,  
Political Science  
(International Relations)

*"It was my political science background that taught me to interrogate processes..., that developed my ability to form logical arguments and be able to communicate those ideas. And it was this background that honed my drive to be involved in a policy setting process. [T]he skills that you develop as a political science major are very applicable in the corporate world."*

## Career Opportunities

Majoring in Political Science opens a world of opportunity for KSU students. Our students graduate prepared to build successful careers in business, government, consulting, non-profit work, or lobbying, or to pursue higher education in graduate or law school.

## Get Involved!



Political Science students enjoy a variety of ways to get involved on campus and in the department, gaining practical experience in leadership, decision-making, and civic engagement.

The Political Science Club welcomes all students as members and sponsors a wide variety of events, including the Political Science Fair and an annual "Careers in Political Science" trip to Washington, D.C. Annual elections provide students with the opportunity to hold leadership positions and influence club activities.

Pi Sigma Alpha recognizes students with exceptional academic standing. KSU is one of the oldest members of this National Honor Society, and is proud to provide our students with the benefits of membership in this organization. Members work with the Political Science Club to provide quality programming on campus.

The Department provides for student representation at faculty meetings and on committees, facilitating student engagement with department policy and decision-making.