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“Students pursuing one of the Political Science or International Politics degrees offered through Penn State World Campus will work with top researchers and instructors in political science to investigate and analyze important theories and ideas about politics.”

*—Marie Hojnacki, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Associate Head
Department of Political Science*



Bachelor of Science in Political Science

This online 120-credit program introduces you to the scientific approach to politics, with course work in political science, statistics, and computer science. You can develop quantitative analysis and research design skills and learn how to apply them to address substantive problems and questions related to public opinion, legislative politics, public policy, and other topics. If you want to acquire practical skills relevant to a variety of careers in politics, government, and business, the Bachelor of Science in Political Science is the program for you.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

This online 123-credit program provides you with a general education in the liberal arts and an introduction to the complexities of the political process. Through extensive course work in political science, you can develop an advanced understanding of American politics, the politics of other nations, and political theory. This is an excellent program for those interested in developing critical thinking skills and acquiring substantive expertise for careers or graduate study in a variety of fields, including government, law, business, journalism, and the nonprofit sector.

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—Michael Thorgersen, Graduate,
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Bachelor of Arts in International Politics

The online 123-credit International Politics major provides you with a comprehensive education in international politics, with options to concentrate in international relations, international political economy, and national security studies. Through course work in international and comparative politics, as well as in economics, geography, and history, you will examine various contemporary issues, such as ethnic conflict, terrorism, global violence, and economic and political globalization. If you are interested in a career in homeland security, international business, security studies, international law, or related fields, or if you wish to pursue graduate studies in these areas, you should consider this program.

To learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in International Politics, visit:

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Political Science Minor

This online minor introduces you to political processes and institutions, with at least one course in each of the following political science areas: American politics, theory/methodology, comparative politics, and international relations. The knowledge and skill that you gain through the required 18 credits of course work in this minor can prepare you to work in a variety of fields, including government, law, business, journalism, and the nonprofit sector.



Why Penn State?

► Online Delivery Experience— Penn State World Campus

In 1892, Penn State founded one of the nation's first correspondence courses. Over the years, our distance education options have evolved to include technology-enhanced learning experiences, culminating in the foundation of Penn State World Campus in 1998. As a pioneer in distance learning, we have significant experience in understanding the needs of off-campus students.

You can experience courses that are:

- designed around best practices in online delivery
- taught by faculty with experience teaching in an online environment
- created using technology to support successful learning outcomes, not just convenience

► An Exceptional Student/Alumni Body

Whether you take our courses online or in a traditional classroom, you become a “Penn Stater” who is part of:

- an institution with more than 150 years of excellence in teaching, research, and service
- a global community of exceptional adult learners from all 50 states, more than 40 countries, and 7 continents
- a proud worldwide network of more than 645,000 alumni, and, upon your graduation, you may join the largest alumni association in the world, with more than 177,000 members



Frequently Asked Questions

► How much is tuition?

Tuition is based on cost-per-credit as is associated with your program of study. Tuition rates are assessed every semester of enrollment. During your course of study, you may incur additional charges, such as credit-by-examination, exam proctor, and transcript fees. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date tuition rate.

► Does Penn State World Campus offer financial aid?

World Campus makes many options available to help you pay for your education. Full- and part-time degree-seeking students are eligible for federal student aid. We also have flexible payment options to help you, including deferred payment plans, third-party payments for employed professionals, and military payment options.

► What does the online classroom look like?

Our philosophy for designing online courses: Use the latest technology to best deliver the content in the most flexible way while keeping the technology transparent to you.

We use one centralized platform where you can log in to your classroom. From there you can get assignments, interact with faculty and peers, participate in message boards, and more.

► How long will it take me to finish my program?

This answer varies for each student. There are many factors (e.g., transfer credits, course load per semester) that influence how long it will take. Depending on the program, some students are able to complete 12 credits every year—others more than 20 credits. You will work closely with an adviser to determine the best course of action for you to complete the program.



To obtain additional information, visit:

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Begin Your Application Today

How to Begin

1. To apply to either the Bachelor of Science in Political Science or the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program, visit worldcampus.psu.edu/plsc.
2. To apply to the Bachelor of Arts in International Politics program, visit worldcampus.psu.edu/ip.
3. Click the “Apply Now” button to access your application.

Application Materials

- online application and fee
- official high school transcripts or GED transcript
- official college or university transcripts if you attended another institution
- official military transcripts (if applicable)
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable)

Deadlines

Your degree application, including all transcripts, must be received by the following deadlines to be considered complete:

- June 30 for fall semester admission
- October 31 for spring semester admission
- March 15 for summer semester admission



Please visit our website for a more detailed description of the requirements and application procedure:

worldcampus.psu.edu/admissions

Did You Know?

- In 2016, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Penn State World Campus as No. 1 in the country for having the:
 - best online bachelor’s programs
 - best online undergraduate programs for veterans
- Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- Our online courses involve frequent interactions among students and faculty.

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Closed Saturday and Sunday

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