

POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

MAJOR MAP

THE FURMAN ADVANTAGE DEVELOPS:

- ◆ IDENTITY & PURPOSE
- ◆ AGENCY & INTEGRITY
- ◆ INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY & CREATIVITY
- ◆ CIVIC & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

THE STUDY OF POLITICS BUILDS

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Students enrolled in Politics courses are challenged to think critically and work together during classroom simulations involving real-world political scenarios. The Tocqueville Program provides students with an intellectual community that seeks clarity about the moral and philosophic questions at the heart of political life. Students may also develop their skills in trial advocacy, public speaking, and critical thinking through the Mock Trial program.

Communication Skills: Students learn how to polish their presentation skills through our annual Introduction to Political Analysis research presentations and through Furman Engaged. Our Senior Research Seminar course also gives students the opportunity to present research papers at the South Carolina Political Science Association's annual meeting. The Political Thought Club provides guided discussions each week on a variety of readings.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Students can engage in team competition through the mock trial program, or work with others to increase voter registration through the DinsVote initiative. The Justicia Project provides students with hands-on legal experience under the supervision of faculty members who are licensed attorneys.

Leadership/Initiative: Our partnership with The Riley Institute provides students with unique opportunities to participate in international meetings and interact with political and policy leaders. Students can also experience political leadership first-hand by participating in the Washington, DC internship program.

EXTRA CURRICULARS:

- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- DinsVote
- Mock Trial
- Pre-Law Society
- Society of Tocqueville Fellows
- Political Thought Club
- Furman Conservative Society
- Furman Justice Forum
- NAACP
- The Riley Institute
- The Justicia Project

Majors are required to take four introductory courses:

- American Government
- World Politics
- Political Thought
- Political Analysis

They must also take at least **one advanced course in two of the four subfields, four credits of engaged learning (one 400-Level POL course or two POL May X courses), and two more advanced courses.**

WE PREPARE GRADUATES TO

- 1 Become knowledgeable citizens
- 2 Learn about other political systems and cultures
- 3 Develop analytical skills to solve political, social and economic problems
- 4 Engage globally

93%
OF RECENT GRADUATES
ARE EMPLOYED OR IN
CONTINUING EDUCATION

WHERE WILL I WORK?



***LAW SCHOOLS:** Duke University, Emory University, George Washington University, Loyola University Chicago, New York University, Ohio State University, University of Notre Dame, University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, Washington & Lee University

***GRADUATE SCHOOLS:**
American University
Boston University
Duke University
George Mason University
London School of Economics
University of Colorado
University of Tennessee
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University

WHO WE ARE

The Department of Politics and International Affairs educates students to be reflective, democratic, and global citizens. We seek to stimulate a commitment to public service and leadership, encourage an empirical understanding of politics, explore the moral values embedded in politics, and advance knowledge through teaching and research in each of the four subfields in the discipline: American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Relations; and Political Thought. The Department seeks to achieve these objectives by providing a flexible yet structured major, as well as a wide range of educational experiences which place students and their professors in the context of local, national, and international events. A Furman graduate with a major in Politics and International Affairs will be a reflective and critical thinker, an effective problem-solver, and a productive citizen.

ENGAGED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **Local, National and International Internships:** Washington, DC; Brussels, Belgium; Edinburgh, Scotland; Ottawa, Canada; Greenville, SC
- ◆ **May X Study Away Programs** include Europe, Latin America, Scandinavia, China, North Central Iowa
- ◆ **Community Engaged Learning:** The Justicia Project, Welcome to Greenville Seminar, DinsVote
- ◆ **Mentor Programs:** Washington, DC Alumni Mentor Program, Society of Tocqueville Fellows, Pre-Law Society
- ◆ **Undergraduate Research:** Political Analysis, Summer Research Fellows, Senior Research Seminar

95%
participate in at
least one
internship

82%
participate in at
least one
study away

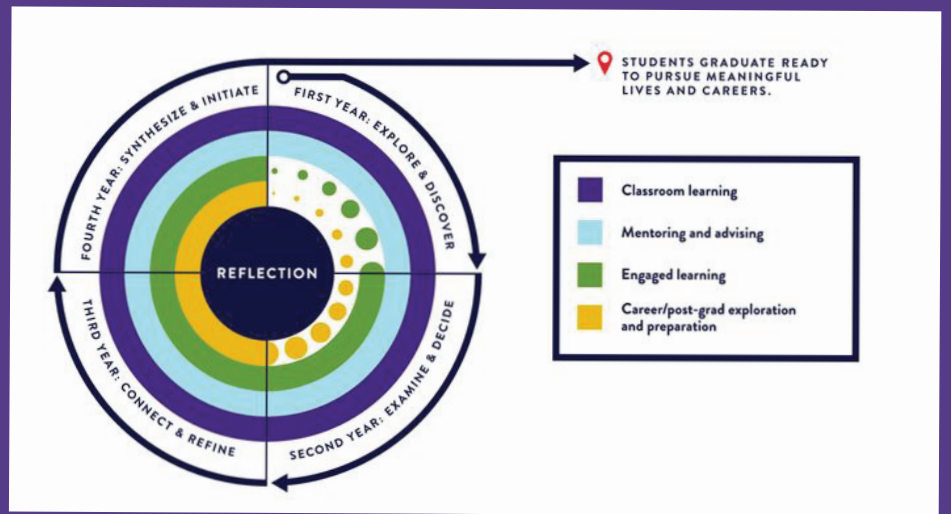
100%
participate in at
least one Engaged
Learning Experience

I participated in the Brussels study away program, which not only exposed me firsthand to the world of international affairs, but from which I also gained an invaluable internship experience. My last year at Furman, I participated in the Senior Research Seminar, where I undertook a yearlong project on Indonesia, my birth country. This truly piqued my interest in international affairs and positioned me well for my graduate studies at George Washington University and now at the U.S. Department of Labor, with a South Asia and Southeast Asia research and policy portfolio.

- Oryza Astari '16

MAJOR MAP

Use the major map to find ways which you can become involved with the Politics & International Affairs major.



1st & 2nd YEARS

3rd & 4th YEARS

TAKE THE COURSES YOU NEED

- ◆ POL 101
 - ◆ POL 102
 - ◆ POL 103
 - ◆ POL 150
- Declare your major, consider summer internships and research opportunities

Take upper level POL courses

Engage with The Tocqueville Program
Complete the Engaged Learning requirement (internship, study away, May X)

GAIN EXPERIENCE

Join the department email list, attend CLPs & Riley Institute events

Consider extracurricular programs such as Mock Trial, Pre-Law, Political Thought Club, DinsVote, politically-affiliated clubs, social justice clubs, Riley Institute Advance Team

Do a political internship, Engage with a POL mentor (DC alumnus, Tocqueville Fellows)

CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

Participate in Pizza and Politics

Consider taking FYW Welcome to Greenville

Join DinsVote, attend the Tocqueville lecture series

Volunteer at the National Mock Trial tournament

Apply to The Riley Institute's Advance Team volunteer for a political campaign, present research at a political science conference or at Furman Engaged

Secure an internship with a local organization

THINK GLOBALLY

Take courses in foreign policy or world politics

Apply to a May X program or a Study Away semester for your junior year

Consider an interdisciplinary minor in Latin American Studies, African American and Diaspora Cultures, or Middle East and Islamic Studies

Take upper level courses in comparative politics and international relations

Participate in senior research seminar

Consider working or continuing your education abroad

PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Attend Politics and International Affairs Career Night

Explore Pre-professional programs such as the Pre Law Society and Medical Legal Partnership

Meet with your advisor at least once a semester to discuss how to navigate your pathway through Furman while balancing course work with cocurricular and extracurricular experiences

Meet with your advisor to discuss post-graduate plans

Research post-graduate school and fellowship requirements and deadlines

Prepare for post-graduate school entrance exams, such as the LSAT and GRE

Meet with a Career Advisor from the Malone Center for Career Engagement

Participate in a Paladin Career Trek

Participate in the Pre Law Society's law school visits

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