Students in the general political science major are required to take three courses (Research Methods, International Relations, and Comparative Politics) and complete their major with their choice of courses from the following major subfields of political science:
- American Politics
- Public Administration & Policy
- International Relations
- International Security
- Comparative Politics

The public administration concentration combines public management courses with business courses to prepare students for management positions in public or nonprofit organizations. Students are encouraged to engage in internships, travel programs and extracurricular activities to develop networking and leadership skills.

Why Political Science at UT Martin?
Students have the following degree choices in political science:
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science

Majors: general political science or political science with a concentration in public administration.
Beyond the Classroom

The political science faculty view internship and travel-study experiences as a valuable complement to our academic curriculum. UT Martin has participated in the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program since its inception in 1973, and UT Martin juniors and seniors regularly serve in Nashville as interns for the state legislature. In recent years, we have also significantly increased the number of students completing internships in Washington, D.C. Political science majors have interned with the Heritage Foundation, the House Clerk’s Office, and the offices of Sen. Lamar Alexander, Sen. Bob Corker, Rep. John Tanner and Rep. Steven Cohen, among others. Political science majors are also encouraged to take advantage of travel opportunities. The department offers a yearly travel-study to Washington, D.C.

Building a Career

Building a career in addition to careers in government, political science majors may choose to pursue law degrees or master’s and doctoral degrees in political science, international relations, public administration, or public policy. Recent UT Martin graduates have studied law at Loyola, public policy at Pepperdine, public administration at UT Knoxville and national security at the Bush School at Texas A & M. Political science degrees have led students to successful careers in law, government, business, journalism, public policy advocacy and non-profit management, among others.

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