

Political Science

Political Science students explore politics and government inside and outside the classroom while refining their written and oral communication skills and developing analytical and data analysis skills.

“*I appreciate the network of contacts and opportunities I've been given by professors. They have all been great mentors. I was really intimidated at first coming back to school, but they have pushed me to try things and have given me a lot of encouragement.*”

Christine Hooper, Political Science

Analyze

POLITICAL PROCESSES IN THE REAL WORLD

UMKC is a public, urban university focused on student success, research and community service. The opportunities are endless.

AT HOME IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City is an ideal place for political science students. Many internship and job opportunities are available throughout the metro at nonprofit organizations, law offices and in local and state governments. Graduates are employed at the City of Kansas City, Missouri, H&R Block, the Missouri Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Department of Justice and more.



H&R BLOCK



DEGREE OPTIONS

- » Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

MINOR OPTIONS

- » Political Science
- » International Studies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Activist
- » Attorney
- » City administrator
- » Communications manager
- » Congressional staffer
- » Educator
- » Government strategist
- » Intelligence officer
- » Journalist
- » Lobbyist
- » Mediator
- » Nonprofit director
- » Political policy analyst
- » Project manager
- » Public affairs

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Political Science



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The UMKC Political Science Department offers academic and career advice tailored to individual students. Small student-to-faculty ratios allow for an enhanced learning environment.

- » Faculty have expertise in the presidency, social security, legislatures, courts and public opinion, terrorism and political violence and are regularly called upon to provide expert political insight by local, state and national news organizations, including the *Kansas City Star*, *KCUR* and the *Huffington Post*.
- » Courses span the political science discipline, including American politics, comparative politics, international relations and political theory.
- » Students have interned with U.S. Congressional committees and offices, state legislatures, law offices, the International Relations Council,

advocacy groups, campaigns, state and local political parties, local government agencies, nonprofits and more.

- » Faculty have won numerous teaching and research awards from the university and School of Humanities and Social Sciences, are two-time recipients of the Carrie Chapman Catt prize for research on women and politics, and have been awarded research funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

GET INVOLVED

- » UMKC has active chapters of College Democrats and College Republicans, both of which are open to students of all majors.
- » Pi Sigma Alpha, the UMKC chapter of the national political science honor society, seeks to maintain excellence in scholarship, promote extracurricular activities related to politics and encourage interaction

between faculty and students within the Political Science Department.

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Philosophy

Philosophy students develop sought-after abilities to think, write and explain clearly, to identify connections and to see broader contexts. Philosophy skills are in high demand in any line of work in today's unpredictable and rapidly changing economic climate.



“Most everyone has been really helpful. The environment and the people – mainly the faculty and staff – here make me feel great about myself, and that’s when I realized that I have a lot of potential and I can do great.”

Gerby Jean-Noel, Chemistry and Philosophy, Pre-Med

Create

A NEW WAY OF THINKING

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AT HOME IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City is an ideal place for philosophy students. Many internship and job opportunities in public, nonprofit and government sectors are available, including the Philosophy in Prison Program. Graduates are employed at Cerner Corporation, Johnson County Community College, Terracon, the University of Kansas Medical Center and more. Many go on to graduate school.

DEGREE OPTIONS

- » Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy

MINOR OPTIONS

- » Philosophy
- » Bioethics and Medical Humanities

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Artistic director
- » Attorney
- » Brand strategist
- » Business development manager
- » Campaign manager
- » Consultant
- » Entrepreneur
- » Executive assistant
- » Financial counselor
- » Grant writer
- » Journalist/writer
- » Marketing manager
- » Medical professional
- » Politician
- » Professor
- » Project coordinator
- » Web content producer

Interested in graduate school, law school, or other professional degrees? Recent UMKC Philosophy majors and minors have gone on to postgraduate study at institutions like Columbia University, the CUNY Graduate Center, Washington University in St. Louis, Colorado State, the University of British Columbia, Yale, the University of Vermont, and many other prestigious schools.



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Philosophy



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The UMKC Philosophy Department offers small student-to-faculty ratios, allowing for one-on-one interaction and an enhanced learning environment.

- » Several faculty hold joint appointments in other academic units at UMKC, including the Henry W. Bloch School of Management and UMKC School of Law.
- » Department faculty have held political positions, worked with various levels of government, collaborated with the local business community and are often called on as advisors on many issues of ethical, social and political significance.
- » Professor Clancy Martin, a Guggenheim Fellow, has published nine books and more than 100 essays and stories in publications such as the *The New York Times*, *Harper's Magazine*, *Ethics* and *The Atlantic*.

GET INVOLVED

- » Philosophy in Prison, started by an undergraduate philosophy major in 2015, is a philosophy reading group that brings college students and prisoners together to discuss philosophical texts and share perspectives behind prison walls. The program was awarded the Innovation in Philosophy Programs Prize for Excellence by the American Philosophical Association and the Philosophy Documentation Center in 2016.
- » Phi Sigma Tau, the UMKC chapter of the Philosophy Honorary Society, sponsors movie nights, lecture series, regular social events and more.

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