POLITICAL SCIENCE CAREER PATHS

UMBC’s B.A. in Political Science provides the framework to understand the business of the Washington DC region: politics. Our program offers students a wide range of courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs with the objective of developing careers that are innovative, engaging, and rewarding. Our alumni work for federal, state, and local governments, NGOs and international agencies. In addition, many alumni have attended prestigious law and graduate schools while other graduates have started their own businesses and not-for-profits.
A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

So long as humans live together, politics will be ubiquitous and indispensable. We may not “like” politics but without politics, we would not be able to build roads, run schools, and elect leaders.

The study of politics reveals hidden ways in which this complex and uncertain human activity works, sometimes to our benefit and sometimes to our disadvantage. As the world becomes more and more global, specialized, and intricate, politics itself is interpenetrated by not only other social science disciplines such as economics, psychology, and sociology, but also medicine and healthcare, technology, and statistical knowledge.

UMBC’s program in Political Science at the Universities at Shady Grove offers students a way to understand, analyze, and contribute to political life. We offer courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs and help students develop innovative, engaging, and rewarding careers based upon political science training. Our alumni work for federal, state, and local governments, NGOs and international agencies. Many students have gone on to law school and graduate programs or have started businesses and not-for-profits. Once you understand that politics is a necessary human activity, new opportunities open up to apply that knowledge.

Every Wednesday during the academic year, I host a current affairs discussion group at the Universities at Shady Grove from 12 noon to 1 pm in Room 4156 of the Camille Kendall Academic Center. This is an open forum where you can meet other students and faculty to discuss issues of common interest. Please join us and see where the study of politics can take you.