

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS/ INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS@WAGNER

As a Government and Politics or an International Affairs Major at Wagner, students are provided with opportunities to study of politics in several different ways. First, **citizens should understand the nature of the democratic system**, even if they have no professional interest in political science. Second, there are **some careers for which training in the study of politics is useful**. Lastly, majoring in Government and Politics or International Affairs will **help any student develop reasoning and analytical skills and build competence in oral and written expression**. These skills and aptitudes will be useful to students no matter what their ultimate career choices may be.

Wagner College is a competitive, four-year private college founded in 1883. The broad liberal arts curriculum is enhanced by a rich array of internship and other professional and cultural opportunities readily available in New York City.



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GOVERNMENT & POLITICS MAJOR

Students take courses in American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory and can complete internships in Albany or Washington D.C., where they make important professional contacts and gain essential experience.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Students develop an understanding about how and why countries interact, and how the world has been influenced by history, politics, economics and culture. Students will study a foreign language in some depth, and are encouraged to take part in Wagner's Washington D.C. internship, as well as the Study Abroad Program.

SAMPLE CLASSES

New York Politics

A study of the government and politics of New York City and State. An analysis of the processes, values and problems of contemporary New York and of the relationships between the city and the rest of the state.

International Politics

War and trade are the defining features of the international system. The course examines the major schools of thought in international politics, introduces three levels of analysis, discusses the evolution of the modern international system, and elaborates on the major aspects of international studies: security and political economy.

FIRST YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITY EXAMPLE

Stockholders vs. Soup kitchens

Is government responsible for the welfare of society? Do corporations have a social responsibility, beyond the aim of maximizing profit? This Learning Community will address this issue from three perspectives. The Government class will explore, among other things, the issues of race and the welfare state. The Business class will explore the arguments for and against the idea of corporate social responsibility. The Reflective Tutorials will focus on these issues, in the light of students' placement experiences.

INTERNSHIP EXAMPLES

Brooklyn District Attorney's Office
New York State Supreme Court
Staten Island Borough Hall
Abraham Fruchter & Twersky LLP
Assemblyman Vincent Ignizzio's District Office
Assemblyman Louis R. Tobacco's Office
Hudson River Park Trust
Citizens Jury Project – Fund for the Modern Court
Richmond County District Attorney
Richmond County Surrogate's Court
Supreme Court of NY
United Nations

RESEARCH TOPICS

- "North Korea and Nuclear Weapons"
- "The Battle for the First Amendment: Today's Problems in Today's World"
- "Were Hitler and Stalin More Similar Than Different?"
- "Relationship of Constitutional Law to Politics and Society"

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