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“Students pursuing one of the political science or international politics degrees offered online through Penn State World Campus will work with top researchers and instructors in political science to investigate and analyze important theories and ideas about politics.”

—Marie Hojnacki, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and
Associate Department Head of Political Science





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in political science and
international politics, visit:
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Bachelor of Science in Political Science

This online 120-credit program is designed for students interested in learning how political scientists, policy analysts, campaign specialists, and pollsters gather and analyze information to explain politics, solve social problems, and make policy decisions. Through course work that provides both substantive knowledge

of politics and government and training in research and data analysis, you can develop skills that are attractive to employers and graduate school admissions committees. If you aspire to a career in politics, government, or business, the Bachelor of Science in Political Science is the program for you.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

This online 123-credit program, which combines extensive course work in political science with a general education in the liberal arts, can provide you with the broad knowledge and critical thinking skills needed to navigate a complex and changing political world. Through a curriculum that can be customized to your interests, you can acquire the

training and develop the substantive expertise needed to pursue a career or graduate study in areas such as public policy, government, the nonprofit sector, law, business, or journalism.

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“I had a friend who enrolled in the residential program. We compared our course work, and the workload and requirements are identical. It was equally demanding, but I had a little more flexibility. I could schedule my weekly assignments around what was going on in my life. My goal is to go to law school, and my degree from Penn State will help get me there.”

—Julian P., Graduate
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science



Bachelor of Arts in International Politics

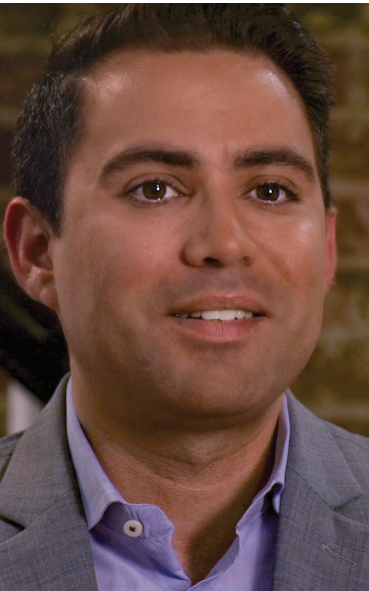
This online 123-credit program is designed for students who want to understand how power operates within and between states in the international arena. It offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes course work in political science, history, economics, and geography, with concentrations in international relations, international political economy, and national security studies. As a student in this program, you will examine contemporary issues, including ethnic conflict, terrorism,

global violence, and economic and political globalization. If you are interested in a career in government or private sector security; international business, development, finance, or law; diplomacy; or international advocacy, or if you wish to pursue graduate study in these or related areas, you should consider this program.

To learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in International Politics, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/ip

Possible Careers with These Degrees

- › campaign strategy
- › government
- › international relations
- › law
- › national security
- › nongovernment organizations
- › policy analysis



“I chose Penn State because it had a robust online program, and my professors were flexible and understanding of my military schedule. I enjoyed conversations with other students and professors, and I was able to build some great connections. My Penn State degree will help me obtain jobs in either the private sector or the U.S. government.”

—Yonatan H., Graduate
Bachelor of Arts in International Politics

Why Penn State?

Online Delivery Experience— Penn State World Campus

In 1892, Penn State founded one of the nation's first correspondence courses. Over the years, our distance education options have evolved to include technology-enhanced learning experiences, culminating in the foundation of Penn State World Campus in 1998. As a pioneer in distance learning, we have significant experience in understanding the needs of off-campus students.

You can experience courses:

- › designed around best practices in online delivery
- › taught by faculty with experience teaching in an online environment
- › created using technology to support successful learning outcomes, not just convenience

An Exceptional Student and Alumni Body

Whether you take our courses online or in a traditional classroom, you become a "Penn Stater" who is part of:

- › an institution with more than 150 years of excellence in teaching, research, and service
- › a global community of exceptional adult learners from all 50 states, more than 40 countries, and 7 continents
- › a proud worldwide network of more than 692,000 alumni, and, upon your graduation, you may join the largest alumni association in the world, with more than 173,000 members



Frequently Asked Questions

How much is tuition?

Tuition is based on cost-per-credit, which may vary based on your program of study. Tuition rates are assessed every semester of enrollment. During your course of study, you may incur additional charges, such as credit-by-examination, exam proctor, and transcript fees. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date tuition rate.

Does Penn State World Campus offer financial aid?

World Campus makes many options available to help you pay for your education. Full- and part-time degree-seeking students are eligible for federal student aid. We also have flexible payment options to help you, including deferred payment plans, third-party payments for employed professionals, and military payment options.

What does the online classroom look like?

Our philosophy for designing online courses: Use the latest technology to best deliver the content in the most flexible way while keeping the technology transparent to you.

We use one centralized platform where you can log in to your classroom.

From there you can get assignments, interact with faculty and peers, participate in message boards, and do more.

How long will it take me to finish my program?

This answer varies for each student. There are many factors (e.g., transfer credits, course load per semester) that influence how long it will take. Depending on the program, some students are able to complete 12 credits every year—others more than 20 credits. You will work closely with an adviser to determine the best course of action for you to complete the program.

To obtain additional information, visit: worldcampus.psu.edu



Begin Your Application Today

How to Begin

1. Visit: worldcampus.psu.edu/plsc
2. Click the name of your program of interest and then click “Learn More”
3. Click the “Apply Now” button on the program overview page to access your application

Application Materials

- › online application and fee
- › official high school transcripts or GED transcript
- › official college or university transcripts if you attended another institution
- › official military transcripts (if applicable)
- › TOEFL or IELTS scores (if applicable)

Deadlines

Your degree application, including all transcripts, must be received by the following deadlines to be considered complete:

- › June 30 for fall semester admission
- › October 31 for spring semester admission
- › March 15 for summer semester admission

Please visit our website for a more detailed description of the requirements and application procedure: worldcampus.psu.edu/admissions

Did You Know?

- › Penn State World Campus is consistently ranked in the top 10 by *U.S. News & World Report* for having the best online bachelor’s programs.
- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned on campus.
- › Our online courses involve frequent interactions among students and faculty.

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