In the Political Science concentration, you will:

- Develop competency and depth in understanding and interpreting the subject matter presented in introductory political science and international relations courses.
- Communicate effectively, using written, oral, and visual modes appropriate to your audience and purpose.
- Understand, analyze, and evaluate numerical data, and use it to draw or evaluate conclusions.
- Analyze, synthesize, and evaluate diverse information, ideas, and perspectives in a contextually appropriate manner.

To earn an A.A. in Social & Behavioral Sciences with a Political Science concentration, you will need to:

- Earn at least 62 credit hours.
- Complete the Gen Ed Core.
- Complete the Arrupe Mission Core.
- Complete these two courses:
  - ACPOL 200 Intro to Political Thought
  - ACPOL 202 International Relations

What can I do with a Political Science concentration?

Studying Political Science at Arrupe gives you a strong basis for pursuing a bachelor’s degree in the future. Political Science strengthens your communication, critical thinking, and data skills. As a result, it prepares you to pursue a variety of careers in a changing world. People who earn undergraduate degrees in political science find work in fields such as:

- business & finance
- public administration
- non-profits
- non-governmental organizations
- government, politics, & advocacy
- media
- education

How can I learn more?

Here are some ways to start exploring whether Political Science is the right fit for you.

- Browse information about being a Political Science major: Most college departments have a website with information about the majors they offer. Check out Loyola’s Political Science department website (https://www.luc.edu/politicalscience/). It’s also good to check out information provided by Political Science departments at other colleges and universities. Another good resource is the American Political Science Association (https://apsanet.org/Careers-for-Political-Scientists).
- Explore your interests: Look for events sponsored by colleges or departments that interest you. You can also look for student organizations focused on your academic interests (https://luc.campuslabs.com/engage/).
- Explore information about careers: Visit Loyola’s Career Services page (https://www.luc.edu/career/). They offer a resource called “What Can I Do With This Major?”
- While you are at Arrupe, consider taking an additional class in Political Science: ACPOL 205 Power, Rap Music, and Urban America.