POLITICAL SCIENCE (B.A.)
(COMBINED B.A./M.A. LAW AND GOVERNANCE)

What is Political Science?
The Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) once said that Political Science was the most important subject to study because it teaches us how and why people join together in communities and make the choices they do. This remains true today as we struggle to understand how to cope with many difficult problems in our society and in other countries. Political Science also helps us to understand how our choices affect the world around us.

Why Study Political Science?
Students who major or minor in Political Science will learn about the institutions, groups, leaders, policies and ideas that shape the American political system and the governments of foreign countries.

- Understand the American political process
- Find out how our public policies are developed
- Learn about the role of law in U.S. society and internationally
- Discover the philosophies that shape political ideas
- Examine different political systems in foreign countries
- Analyze key issues in foreign policy
- Be a more informed citizen

Life After Political Science
Our students find that their work in Political Science leads them to variety of job options. Many of our students pursue careers in law. Others work in public service as policy analysts in federal and state governments, or as city managers or administrators. Some graduates choose to engage in politics more directly and serve as policy advocates in public interest groups, or work in non-profit organizations. Still other graduates find that their knowledge of politics and skill at analyzing complex institutions offer an excellent preparation for a career in journalism, business, or social studies education.

A minimum of 120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA. However, more than 120 credits may be required depending upon the major field of study.

Program Requirements
Students must complete 42 credits of General Education requirements (http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/general-education) and 3-9 credits of World Languages and Cultures Requirements (http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement).

Requirements for the graduate portion of this dual degree program can be found here (http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/law-governance-ma-ba).

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Political Science Major Elective Courses
Select 18 credits from the following:

Up to 15 credits may be from any one group. 12 credits must be at the 300-400 level.

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