The Department of Politics and International Affairs educates students to be reflective, democratic, and global citizens. We seek to stimulate a commitment to public service and leadership, encourage an empirical understanding of politics, explore the moral values embedded in politics, and advance knowledge through teaching and research in each of the four subfields in the discipline: American Politics; Comparative Politics; International Relations; and Political Thought. The Department seeks to achieve these objectives by providing a flexible yet structured major, as well as a wide range of educational experiences which place students and their professors in the context of local, national, and international events. A Furman graduate with a major in Politics and International Affairs will be a reflective and critical thinker, an effective problem-solver, and a productive citizen.

**EXTRA CURRICULARS:**
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- DiviVote
- Mock Trial
- Pre-Law Society
- Society of Tocqueville Fellows
- Political Thought Club
- Furman Conservative Society
- Furman Justice Forum
- NAACP
- The Riley Institute
- The Justicia Project

**ENGAGED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
- Local, National and International Internships: Washington, DC; Brussels, Belgium; Edinburgh, Scotland; Ottawa, Canada; Greenville, SC
- **May X Study Away Programs** include Europe, Latin America, Scandinavia, China, North Central Iowa
- Community Engaged Learning: The Justicia Project, Welcome to Greenville Seminar, DiviVote
- Mentor Programs: Washington, DC Alumni Mentor Program, Society of Tocqueville Fellows, Pre-Law Society
- Undergraduate Research: Political Analysis, Summer Research Fellows, Senior Research Seminar

**WE PREPARE GRADUATES TO**
1. Become knowledgeable citizens
2. Learn about other political systems and cultures
3. Develop analytical skills to solve political, social and economic problems
4. Engage globally

**WHERE WILL I WORK?**

**LAW SCHOOLS:** Duke University, Emory University, George Washington University, Loyola University Chicago, New York University, Ohio State University, University of Notre Dame, University of South Carolina, University of Virginia, Washington & Lee University

*Based on 2017-2019 graduates.*
1st & 2nd YEARS

- POL 101
- Declare your major, consider summer internships and research opportunities

TAKE THE COURSES YOU NEED

- POL 102
- POL 103
- POL 150

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Join the department email list, attend CLPs & Riley Institute events
- Consider extracurricular programs such as Mock Trial, Pre-Law, Political Thought Club, DinsVote, politically-affiliated clubs, social justice clubs, Riley Institute Advance Team

CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Participate in Pizza and Politics
- Consider taking FYW Welcome to Greenville
- Join DinsVote, attend the Tocqueville lecture series
- Volunteer at the National Mock Trial tournament

THINK GLOBALLY

- Take courses in foreign policy or world politics
- Apply to a May X program or a Study Away semester for your junior year
- Consider an interdisciplinary minor in Latin American Studies, African American and Diaspora Cultures, or Middle East and Islamic Studies

PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Attend Politics and International Affairs Career Night
- Explore Pre-professional programs such as the Pre Law Society and Medical Legal Partnership
- Meet with your advisor at least once a semester to discuss how to navigate your pathway through Furman while balancing course work with cocurricular and extracurricular experiences

3rd & 4th YEARS

- Take upper level POL courses
- Engage with The Tocqueville Program
- Complete the Engaged Learning requirement (internship, study away, May X)

THINK GLOBALLY

- Do a political internship, Engage with a POL mentor (DC alumnus, Tocqueville Fellows)

PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Meet with your advisor to discuss post-graduate plans
- Research post-graduate school and fellowship requirements and deadlines
- Prepare for post-graduate school entrance exams, such as the LSAT and GRE
- Meet with a Career Advisor from the Malone Center for Career Engagement
- Participate in a Paladin Career Trek
- Participate in the Pre Law Society’s law school visits

MAJOR MAP

Use the major map to find ways which you can become involved with the Politics & International Affairs major.