Government

Overview
As a government major, you connect with some of the most complex issues of our time. You delve into political theory, comparative politics, U.S. politics and international political issues. You study gender rights as well as environmental politics and policy. You examine civil liberties and how societies weigh them against national security needs. We offer a dynamic program with a large and engaged faculty and a high level of student interest. Award-winning professors challenge you to explore issues and articulate your thoughts through written and oral presentations. Our majors have successful careers in policy analysis, journalism, law, national security, international nongovernmental organizations and government relations. Many attend law school or graduate programs in law enforcement, public administration, political science, media relations and journalism.

International Opportunities and Study Abroad
Most government majors study abroad. Some spend a semester with a small group of Connecticut College students and one or two professors who travel together. Government faculty have led these Study Away Teach Away programs to Vietnam, Italy and Spain. Some government courses also include a travel component of one to three weeks.

Special Opportunities
You can focus your interest in government and international issues by pursuing a certificate from one of the College’s five centers for interdisciplinary scholarship. The Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy stresses service learning and action research. If environmental issues are your passion, consider the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment. For an international emphasis, look to the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts – it includes foreign language study and an overseas internship.
Faculty

Tristan Anne Borer, Professor of Government and International Relations; Chair of Government and International Relations Department
B.A., University of Texas, San Antonio; M.A., Ph.D., University of Notre Dame
Human rights; human rights and the media; transitional justice; gender and human rights; international relations

MaryAnne Borrelli, Professor of Government
B.A., Wellesley College; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University
United States politics and government; gender and United States politics; the presidency; congress

Wendell John Coats Jr., Professor of Government
B.A., Ph.D., University of Colorado
History of Western political philosophy

Jane Dawson, Virginia Eason Weinmann ’51 Professor of Government and Environmental Studies; Director of the Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment
A.B., Bryn Mawr; M.A., Harvard University; M.A., The Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D., Stanford University
International environmental politics; comparative environmental activism and politics; global environmental justice

William Frasure, Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., University of Pittsburgh; J.D., Yale University; Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University
United States politics; environmental policy and law; law and public policy

Alex Hybel, Susan Eckert Lynch ’62 Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., University of North Carolina; M.A., The American University; M.A., Ph.D., Stanford University
U.S. foreign policy; international relations theory; democracy in Latin America

Dorothy James, Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., Barnard College; M.A., Ph.D., Columbia University
United States politics (especially presidential politics; political parties; campaigns and elections; and the impact of the media and interest groups on politics); constitutional law; civil liberties; judicial behavior; national security and individual freedom; American political thought

David Patton, Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University
Comparative politics; European politics; Federal Republic of Germany; European union

Ryan Phillips, C3 Postdoctoral Fellow
B.A., Vassar College; M.Sc., University of Bristol; M.A., The Ohio State University; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Political theory; international relations; Europe

William M. Rose, Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., B.S., University of Washington; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
International politics, with a focus on security studies; terrorism and counter-terrorism; insurgency and counter-insurgency; ethnic conflict and prospects for civil war and peace; U.N. peacekeeping; post 9/11 challenges for U.S. foreign policy

Caroleen Marji Sayej, Assistant Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., Fordham University; M.A., Ph.D., New York University
Persistent authoritarianism in the Middle East; contemporary Islamic social movements; modernization and identity politics; Middle Eastern studies; comparative politics; international relations

John Qunjian Tian, Associate Professor of Government and International Relations
B.A., Nanjing University; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University
Comparative politics; Chinese politics; East Asian and international political economy

Selected Courses

Middle East Politics; The Middle East Politics; The European Union; International Politics of Climate Change; U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America; Terrorism; American Political Thought; Modern Political Thought; Analysis of U.S. Public Policy; The Presidency; The Politics of Refugees; Human Rights in World Politics; International Political Economy; Constitutional Law; Gender and U.S. Politics; Chinese Politics

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a private, highly selective liberal arts college with 1,850 students and more than 40 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities, and the option for students to self-design majors. The College offers a high level of intellectual challenge, and a campus culture that supports students to tailor their educational experience to their own interests and goals. A four-year career development program teaches students how to translate a liberal arts degree into a first job or graduate school admission. Connecticut College is situated in the small New England seaport of New London.

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Associate Attorney, New York City Housing Authority
China Trade Analyst, U.S. Department of Commerce
Program Associate, Council on Foreign Relations
CEO, Cambodian Threads
Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs, Maine Department of Marine Resources
Executive Director, New York City Housing Authority
Analyst, ExxonMobil
Assistant Attorney General, Washington State
Director, Quinnipiac University Poll
Global Relationship Manager, Bloomberg LP
Municipal Trading Assistant, Oppenheimer & Co.
Bureau Chief, Associated Press in Nigeria
Diplomat, U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Associate Director, Action Without Borders/Idealist.org

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT

Andrew Majkut ’14
Counterinsurgency redux? Dutch counterinsurgency in Afghanistan 2006-2010

Katie Pearson ’14
Sexual assault and transitional justice: how Argentina can provide a voice to its silenced survivors