Maxwell School of Syracuse University
Political Science Student Learning Objectives

Upon graduation, political science majors should be able to:

1. Describe U.S. political institutions and processes and explain how they operate.

2. Describe the structure and politics of the international system or countries outside the United States.

3. Apply political science concepts, theories, and/or philosophies to explain current political issues and policy debates.

4. Communicate in written and oral form about politics in a way that demonstrates the ability to organize ideas, create and defend an argument, and use and cite sources properly.

5. Conduct or evaluate political research, whether quantitative or qualitative in nature, and evaluate the extent to which arguments are well reasoned and/or empirically supported.