

THE BELLARMINE INTERNSHIP GUARANTEE:

Political Science

Bellarmino cares deeply about what happens after you graduate. We made the Internship Guarantee to help ensure your success now and in the future. Here are some ways to gain experience in your field:

Explore your career interests

- Register for BU199 Career Pathways Exploration, a 1-credit, 7-week course offered fall and spring to discover areas of interest in your major.
- Add a BU250 Community-based Learning Practicum, a 1-credit, 30 hour work experience with a nonprofit organization connected to a complimentary course.

Prepare for your internship experience

- Register for BU299 Internship Preparation and Success, a 1-credit, 7-week course designed to help you succeed in your internship search. BU299 is a prerequisite to receive the summer internship scholarship. *Take advantage of a PS444 internship course for just \$400!*

Earn credit towards your degree

- Take PS444, a 3-credit hour internship course and gain a minimum of 90 hours of relevant work experience in your field.
- *Want to gain more experience?* Complete a second internship at home or abroad or consider a co-op and earn 6-credit hours for 180 hours of work with your internship partner.

**Experience matters!
Nearly 70% of
internships lead to
full-time job offers!**

Connecting Students to Career

Some Employment Areas in Political Science: Top Companies that Hire Bellarmine Talent:

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| 1. Local and State Government | 1. ACLU of Kentucky |
| 2. Federal Government | 2. Commonwealth Attorney's Office |
| 3. Law | 3. Drug Enforcement Administration |
| 4. Political Campaigns and Advocacy | 4. Family and Juvenile Services |
| 5. International Affairs | 5. Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| 6. Business | 6. Kentucky Family and Circuit Courts |
| 7. Non-Profit | 7. Public Defender's Office |
| 8. Media | 8. Restorative Justice Louisville |
| 9. Education | 9. The Center for Women and Families |
| 10. Military / Curatorial & Archival Management | 10. White House Internship Program |

PLAN AHEAD!

- **Reflect** on your goals for an internship. How will this experience contribute toward your personal, educational and professional goals?
- **Discuss** your internship plans with your faculty advisor to determine the best semester to take your PS444 internship course.
- **Meet** with the Career Development Center to explore internship opportunities and prep your application materials.
- **Review** internships posted on Handshake, visit employer websites, or attend a Career Center Event to meet with employers actively hiring in your field of study.
- **Apply** early. Depending on an employer's hiring timelines, internships can take up to three months to finalize.
- **Enroll** in your internship course. Once you've secured your experience, complete the Internship Application & Proposal in Handshake. *See the Career Center or your faculty sponsor for details.*

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION & PROPOSAL IN HANDSHAKE:

Your application & proposal will provide important details to your faculty about your experience. Within the proposal, you will be asked to identify the learning outcomes you plan to achieve through your experience. Political Science program learning outcomes include:

- Demonstrate whether American politics fulfills the purposes and values of the American constitutional and legal system.
- Analyze the major thinkers, concepts, and controversies in the history of political theory.
- Integrate recent and contemporary issues in international politics into the main theoretical perspectives of international relations.
- Assess the validity of the different approaches and methods used by political scientists.

Writing learning outcomes is the most important part of the application, so describe how your learning outcomes relate directly to the responsibilities included in the job description for your internship. Work with your faculty sponsor before submitting your proposal if you have questions.

For example: I will deepen my understanding of the main theoretical perspectives of international relations by analyzing current U.S. foreign and domestic policies that I engage with during this internship experience.