



# Politics, Law & Society

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Careers with a PLS Degree:

- Attorneys
  - Claims Adjudicators
  - District Attorneys
  - Elected Officials
  - Judges
  - Legal Assistants
  - Lobbyists
  - Paralegals
  - Political Consultants
  - Project Managers
  - Prosecutors
  - Public Defenders
  - Title Attorneys
- ...or you can work in the government at the local, tribal, state, national or international level!

## > Political Science or Legal Studies?

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Legal Studies is more legally technical. If you wish to become a legal assistant, this is the major for you. Political Science is more conceptual, so people who love ideas or arguing about politics will feel more at home with this major. You can even major in one and minor in the other.

### DO YOU WISH YOU COULD MAJOR IN PRE-LAW?

While Pre-Law is a major at many colleges and universities, at ECU we channel students either into Political Science or Legal Studies. While you will not have to decide right away, we suggest that you make a decision by your sophomore year so you can take the recommended General Education classes for your major and get on the right track. For more information or advice, contact Dr. Christine Pappas, Pre-Law Advisor, at cpappas@ecok.edu.

The Political Science and Legal Studies program has a 100% acceptance rate to law school including 8/8 in 2021. In the last 7 years, more than 30 students were accepted to over 40 law schools. There are currently 17 graduates in six different law schools across the country.

## \$ How Me the Money!

Graduates with a Political Science degree typically earn between \$54,000 and \$62,000 for entry-level jobs. As a college graduate, you can earn an average of 75% more than those with only a high school degree, per *The Chicago Tribune!* (NACE 2021 Salary Report)

## > Departmental Faculty



Political Science & Legal Studies Department faculty are Dr. Marc Petrowsky, Dr. Jacintha Webster, Dr. Erick Ananga, Dr. Holly Jones, Dr. Christine Pappas, Dr. Terrie Becerra, Dr. Charles Peaden and Dr. Jenna Owens.

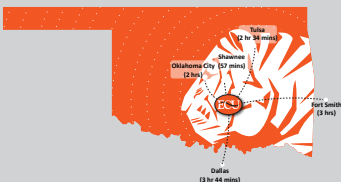
## > Departmental Club

- Legal Professions Association
- Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature
- Mock Trial Team
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society
- Young Democrats
- College Republicans
- Water Resources Association

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> Degree Options

## Political Science

Political Science majors emphasize critical thinking and written and oral communication skills. Classes are typically discussion-based and service learning and simulations are often employed. The Political Science program is dedicated to preparing students for future employment in government, business, law or the police academy. It is the perfect springboard to law school or graduate school. The Political Science program is dedicated to building political community through active learning, engaged citizenship and the promotion of democratic values.

## Legal Studies

The Legal Studies program is applied teaching skills that will be applicable in the law office, such as legal business applications and knowledge of specialty law subjects. Most classes are based on lectures and focused projects. The program studies the connection between law and politics and is a popular avenue to law school.

## Departmental Scholarships

The Political Science and Legal Studies department makes scholarships available to qualified students through the following programs:

- Francisco-Hatchett Endowment Scholarship
- Edward Barton Brooks Scholarship in Government & Law
- Dean Peterson Legal Studies Scholarship
- Mayhue Pre-Law Scholarship
- W. Burl Harris Centennial Scholarship
- Justice Rudolph Hargrave Centennial Scholarship
- Ulrich Scholarship
- Briles Scholarship
- Gillette Conn Scholarship
- Higginbotham Family Political Science/Legal Studies Scholarship
- Francis E. Mayhue Centennial Pre-Law Scholarship
- Wes Watkins Water Resource Policy & Management Scholarship
- A.T. & Ethel Watson Family Scholarship



## OILS@ECU

Legal Studies partners with Oklahoma Indian Legal Services to provide the Native American Legal Clinic. Each semester, five Legal Studies students work as paralegals in the clinic. The clinic provides services to qualified Native Americans as well as ECU students and staff.



## Ulrich Fellowship

The Ulrich Fellowship is available to Political Science or Legal Studies majors with an interest in governmental service. Students receive room and board to spend a semester in Washington, D.C.



## Accomplished Alumni

*"I always feel proud to say I am from ECU. My colleagues are from Princeton and Wellesley. There's no difference between a student from ECU and a student from Harvard."*

- Elsa Moseley,  
Political Science Graduate  
Princeton-in-Asia Fellow in Beijing, China



## Politics, Law & Society

**Dean:** Dr. Kate Lang,  
College of Liberal Arts  
& Social Sciences

**Assistant Dean:** Dr. Melissa Inglis  
**Pol Science Chair:** Dr. Christine Pappas  
**Legal Studies Dir.:** Dr. Jenna Owens  
**Pre-Law Adviser:** Dr. Jacintha Webster  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Science  
**Concentrations:** 2   **Minors:** 3  
**Faculty:** 8 full-time  
**Organizations:** 7  
**Scholarships:** 14  
**Location:** 239 Horace Mann



## ECU at a Glance

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 3,000  
**Undergraduate Majors:** 70+  
**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 13 to 1  
**Average Class Size:** 22  
**Faculty with PhDs:** 65%  
**States Represented:** 28  
**Countries Represented:** 30+  
**Year Founded:** 1909  
**Campus Size:** 140 Acres  
**Area Location:** Ada, Oklahoma



## Tiger Spirit

**Mascot:** Roary the Tiger  
**School Colors:** Orange & Black  
**Student Organizations:** 60+  
**Athletics:** NCAA Division II

Men's:      Football      Cross Country  
                Baseball      Track & Field  
                Basketball

Women's:    Basketball      Soccer  
                Volleyball      Cross Country  
                Softball      Track & Field

## We educate and empower students to understand and transform our world.

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