

# ECU 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!

### Departmental Clubs:

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



## > 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.

The Political Science and Legal Studies program has a 100% acceptance rate to law school since 2015. In the last 7 years, more than 30 students were accepted to over 40 law schools. There are currently 13 graduates in five different law schools across the country.

### 3+3 ECU+OCU College of Law

The Legal Studies program has an agreement with the Oklahoma City University School of Law to early admit qualified students when they are juniors. Students are able to save a full year of coursework and tuition.

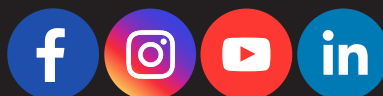
### Early Settlement Mediation

Many Legal Studies and Political Science students are trained in Basic Mediation through the Early Settlement Mediation program. Several department students have been hired to work for this program. Dispute resolution skills are valuable in any job.



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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
- 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
- Athena Scholarship
- Kilgore Scholarship
- Lawyer Alumni Scholarship

### Hargrave Law House

This residential learning community provides opportunities for select students to live together in a supportive academic environment. Fellows receive mentoring and networking opportunities from the Dean of the Law House and the local bar association.

### 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.

### DC Internship Experience

Every two years, the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society sponsors an internship trip to Washington, D.C. In the last ten years, over 100 students have participated. Student fundraising covers all c

**To prepare students for tomorrow's world through a dynamic & diverse learning experience.**



### Politics, Law & Society

**Interim Dean:** Dr. Mark Walling  
**Pre-Law Advisor:** Dr. Jacintha Webster

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Concentrations:** 2

**Minors:** 3

**Faculty:** 4 full-time

**Organizations:** 7

### ECU at a Glance

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 3,300

**Undergraduate Majors:** 60+

**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 17 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:** 35+

**Athletics:** NCAA Division II

#### Men's:

Football  
Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Track & Field  
Golf

#### Women's:

Basketball  
Volleyball  
Softball  
Soccer  
Cross Country  
Track & Field  
Golf

