



Politics, Law & Society

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES



With a PLS Degree, we are:

- Attorney
- Claims Adjudicator
- District Attorney
- Elected Official
- Judge
- Legal Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Paralegal
- Political Consultant
- Project Manager
- Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Title Attorney

...or you can work in the:

Government at the local, tribal, state, national or international level!

\$how Me the Money!

Graduates with a political degree typically earn between \$39,000 and \$59,000 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 2018 Salary Report)

> 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% rate of acceptance for law school applications in the last 3 years.

In the last 7 years, more than 30 students were accepted to over 40 law schools.

There are currently 17 graduates in 6 different law schools across the country.

> Departmental Faculty



Political Science & Legal Studies Department faculty are (from left to right)

Dr. Jenna Owens, Dr. Erick Ananga, Dr. Charles Peaden, and Dr. Christine Pappas.

> Departmental Clubs

- 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 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 PreLaw 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



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

We Are
ECU



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Dean: Dr. Kate Lang,
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
Assistant Dean: Dr. Sarah Peters
Pol Science Chair: Dr. Christine Pappas
Legal Studies Dir.: Dr. Jenna Owens
Degree: Bachelor of Science
Concentrations: 2 **Minor:** 3
Faculty: 8 full-time
Organizations: 7
Scholarships: 14
Location: 239 Horace Mann



ECU at a Glance

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,500+
Undergraduate Majors: 70+
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 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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