

B.A. Government & International Affairs | Major Map

2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 86% of graduates

100% Secured Employment

100% Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

POPULAR CAREERS

- **Education:** teacher, researcher, professor
- **Federal Government:** compliance officer, foreign service officer, FBI officer, legislator, lobbyist
- **International Affairs:** policy analyst, public sector reform, human rights, public law, poverty-reduction strategy, ethics & anti-corruption
- **Law:** prosecutor, defense attorney, mediator, lobbyist, judge
- **Nonprofit:** public relations specialist, fundraising administrator, volunteer coordinator, grant writer
- **State & Local Government:** public policy analyst, urban planner, police officer, community affairs director

POPULAR EMPLOYERS

City government, school districts, court systems, legislative agencies, departments of state government, law firms, private practices, museums, charitable organizations, consulting firms, social service agencies

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- **Internships & Campus Engagement**
 - Augustana Student Association (ASA)
 - Embassies
 - Friends Committee on National Legislation
 - Legislators
 - Local attorneys
 - South Dakota Bureau of Personnel
 - South Dakota Faith in Public Life
 - U.S. Dept. of Justice and State Dept.
 - White House
- **Example Research Topics**
 - Importance of Foreign Topics Assistance in the U.S.
 - Improving Access to Legal Aid
 - History/Public Opinion of Immigration
- **Service Learning**
 - Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation (ENACT) Fellowship
 - Political campaigns
 - Election poll volunteer
 - Legal aid or advocate
- **Study Away**
 - AU Faculty-Led: Social Health & Justice for Indigenous Communities in Guatemala with Spanish Immersion
 - Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS)
 - Chicago Semester



WHY STUDY GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS?

The Department of Government & International Affairs offers courses covering the key subfields in the discipline of political science: American government, comparative politics, international relations, law and political theory. This coursework is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding and broader perspective of the rights and obligations of political life in the United States, within different countries and among countries, as well as develop the intellectual tools of inquiry, analysis and critical judgment. The major combines classes taught in the liberal arts traditions with opportunities for research, practical internship experiences and double majoring. The department emphasizes advising regarding law school, post-graduate studies and professional opportunities.

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Examine your degree audit report to confirm any transfer credits are listed.
- Create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Typically, students enroll in GOVT 110, 120 and 200.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- If you are interested in law, speak with the pre-law advisor.

- Explore minors or elective credits.
- Pursue the Molly Malsam Excellence in Writing Award.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Engage in research, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Draft public policy, and lobby the South Dakota State Legislature in GOVT 301.
- Determine or narrow your program interests. Explore departmental honors with your advisor.
- Choose and enroll in courses in the listed law, American, international relations, political theory and comparative areas.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Continue to engage in research, and present your results at the annual research symposium.
- Take 13-14 credit hours of GOVT electives.
- From the campaign commercial to public opinion surveys or other writing-intensive assignments, you have many work samples to showcase. Synthesize your learning in a portfolio.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account. Participate in campus organizations, such as the Government Club, Augustana Democrats, Augustana Republicans and Augie Green.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities, Augustana's job or internship database.
- Volunteer in the community for a cause you value.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer jobs. Applied learning allows you to confirm your interests and make a difference in the community.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Seek out program/scholarship/professional faculty advisors (law, graduate school, Truman, Schwartzman, Rhodes, etc.)
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for experiential scholarships. Pursue elite fellowships.

- During the summer, take standardized exams (e.g., GRE), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry & Government) and Teacher Job Fairs.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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