

Political Science

► The University of Rochester's Department of Political Science revolutionized the study of politics. The department is known for its focus on formal theory, statistical methods, and the study of Congress and has played a key role in reshaping the field over the last generation.

In the 1960s, William H. Riker and Richard F. Fenno transformed the department, introduced the PhD program, and helped build the foundation that established Rochester as a leader in the study of politics. Today, the PhD program remains one of the best in the country. The undergraduate program remains among the most popular, with majors offered in both political science and international relations.

Continuing its legacy of excellence, the department offers rigorous new initiatives in comparative politics, international relations, and a broad range of subjects in American politics, including race and ethnic politics.

Points of Pride

Rankings

Rochester has one of the most recognized political science departments in the country, with the 2012 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking it in the top ten for political methodology.

Distinguished Alumni

Rochester PhD graduates are currently faculty members at Columbia University, Dartmouth, Duke University, Harvard University, Princeton University, Stanford University, UCLA, UCSD, UNC Chapel Hill, Washington University, Yale University, and many more. Students go on to become innovative problem solvers who pursue careers as public officials, attorneys, and business leaders and have the background to become some of the leading political scientists of the early 21st century.

Accomplished Faculty

Senior faculty scholars include two past presidents of the American

Political Science Association; a member of the National Academy of Sciences; three fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; former managing editors of the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, and *Perspectives on Politics*; Fulbright Fellows; two Guggenheim Fellows; and two Woodrow Wilson Fellows.

Undergraduate Research Programs

Opportunities such as individual research; independent-study courses; internships in Rochester, Washington, D.C., and Europe; and senior-year honors work help prepare students for success.

The Star Lab

The Theory and Statistics Research Lab (Star Lab) provides state-of-the-art computing resources for Rochester's political science scholars. It is at the core of much of the methodological analysis for which the department is renowned.

"At Rochester, the professors teach us to think critically, distill the most relevant pieces of information, and figure out how to communicate in ways that will mean the most to our audiences."

Anthony Wesley '13

political science major, journalism minor



Transformational Gifts

In 2011, University Trustee Ani Gabrellian '84 and her husband Mark Gabrellian '79 established an endowed position to recognize a multidisciplinary scholar and teacher whose work bridges two or more academic fields. Professor David Primo is the inaugural holder of the **Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professorship**. Primo holds a joint appointment at the School of Arts & Sciences and the William E. Simon School of Business.

The Corrigan-Minehan Professorship: In 2007, E. Gerald Corrigan and his wife, Rochester Trustee Cathy E. Minehan '68, endowed the **Corrigan-Minehan Professorship in Political Science** to support a scholar who epitomizes the research and teaching excellence of the late William H. Riker. Professor Lawrence Rothenberg, an expert on interest groups and environmental politics, is the inaugural holder of the professorship.



How You Can Help

Gifts to the political science department will help it continue to offer a challenging academic program, one deeply rooted in analytics and theory, inspired by topflight faculty, and enriched with opportunities for research. Consider any of the following funding opportunities:

Students

Supporting students is one of the highest priorities at the University. You can establish an undergraduate scholarship to help students achieve their academic potential. You can also help PhD students by

establishing a fellowship or graduate research grants and conference funds. Other opportunities include supporting the department's Washington Semester program, the Undergraduate Political Science Research Fund, and the Richard and Nancy Fenno Summer Fellowships in American Politics and Policy.

Faculty

Endowed positions help to attract and retain faculty of exceptional talent and are visible honors recognized across the University and by other educational institutions. Investing in endowed professorships ensures that students are taught by world-class faculty for generations to come.

Programs

Other ways to support the department include providing for workshops and mini and even national conferences on campus. Each of these activities provides a center for learning with in-depth discussions on a topic, opportunities for faculty to exchange ideas with other distinguished scholars, and an enhanced student learning experience.

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