Government Major, BA

*Student Learning Outcomes*

*(Student Learning Outcomes are the same for the 57 credit major, 72 credit major and 82 Pre-Law Option)*

*Students will:*

- demonstrate basic knowledge, skills and values related to various forms and structure in governments and relate those specifics to political and policy outcomes as necessary for responsible and active participation as both national and international citizens;

- effectively apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to political issues and should be able to utilize normative and empirical analysis tools in the study of national and international political realities;

- be able to apply an understanding of foundational and enduring political thought and ideas throughout history to questions of politics and policy at the national and international levels;

- demonstrate an awareness of the role played by race, ethnicity, gender and religion in historic and contemporary political debates and an awareness of effects of multiculturalism and diversity on domestic and international affairs;

- possess effective communication skills including the verbal and writing skills needed to communicate clearly and effectively, make persuasive, professional presentations and convey information essential to the discipline and beyond in an orderly and understandable manner;

- demonstrate analytical and conceptual skills, reading skills, critical thinking and problem solving skills and be able to effectively apply those skill sets to political issues.