

Ithaca College Department of Politics

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Dear Prospective Student,

As Chair of the Politics Department, I would like to express my appreciation for your interest in our department. If you are excited by the opportunity to study Politics in its multiple forms, I believe that we have much to offer you:

An array of courses in a variety of fields: One of the greatest strengths of the Politics Department lies in the interesting variety of courses that we teach. These courses cover a range of topics related to international and domestic politics, political theory, public policy, law, and popular culture. This blend, comprised of a core curriculum as well as courses that are always new and tied to contemporary events, makes our department unique. A quick list of recent ones includes: Africa Through Film; Political Justice; US Foreign Policy; Constitutional Law; Feminist Theory; US Party Politics; Understanding Terror; Political Implications of the Holocaust; Understanding Islam; Environmental Politics; Pirates, Mercenaries and Sovereignty; European Politics; The Politics of US Citizenship.

Close work with recognized scholars: Members of the Politics Department are active scholars who integrate ideas that they research and write into their new and evolving courses as well as their daily practices. In the past few years several members of the department [published books](#) with prestigious academic presses, continuing the department's long tradition of serious, creative scholarship. At Ithaca College, we draw upon our research interests to generate new courses for small classes. In this sense, we believe that our department offers students "the best of both worlds"--research and attentive teaching.

Beyond the classroom: The Politics Department offers numerous opportunities to be involved with activities outside of the classroom setting. Members of the department serve as faculty advisers for student organizations such as Amnesty International, Students for Reproductive Rights, Students for a Just Peace, IC Students for Fair Trade, and the African Students Association. Participation in the [Model U.N. Program](#) has been a popular option among students for many years, and we've recently added a [Model EU Program](#). Members of the Department actively participate in the annual [Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival](#).

Global Curriculum: The Politics Department has more internationally-focused courses than any other department on campus, giving you the opportunity to explore a wide range of topics and places. In addition, we offer International Collaborative courses, an [International Politics](#) minor and a [Concentration in International Studies](#) for Politics majors.

Study Abroad: Many of our students take advantage of the numerous study abroad options offered by Ithaca College. Since we strongly believe that studying abroad can be an enriching, if not life-changing experience, we work with students to integrate courses taken abroad into their program of study. Politics students can nearly always use courses taken abroad for fulfillment of major requirements.

Internships: We offer students an array of internships at the local, state, national, and international levels. Many Politics students participate in the [Washington DC program](#), which provides students an opportunity to spend a semester living, working, and learning in the nation's capital. A list of recent DC internships includes: Holocaust Museum, Feminist Majority Foundation, Office of the DC District Attorney's Office, Offices of Senators Ted Kennedy, Susan Collins, Hillary Clinton, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, and Representatives Nydia Velasquez and Raul Grijalva. Local internships include: Office of Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Lama Law Firm, and Alternative Dispute Resolution Center. Many students in London have interned in the House of Commons.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best,

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