

Our Graduates

Here's what our graduates say:

"Joining the department was the best decision I made going into college. With a variety of classes and knowledgeable professors to guide you, you're sure to leave class with an open mind and a new understanding of the world around you."

- **Karyssa Garcia, Alcalde, NM, Class of 2022**

"The department plays an integral role in New Mexico's public policy community. From elected officials and public servants to think tanks and advocacy groups, I continue to meet talented professionals who share my gratitude for the Department's role in underwriting our success. My classmates and professors got me to where I am today and to where I'll be in the future. Originally from Las Cruces, I'm proud to represent the Aggies at our state capitol!"

- **Ismael Torres, Santa Fe, NM, Chief Economist NM Legislative Finance Comm.**

"Throughout my time in the department of, I was constantly developing my critical thinking, writing, and research skills. The classes I took not only affirmed my interests, but prepared me for law school and a public service career."

- **Marianne Salas, Durham NC, Duke Univ. School of Law, JD 2024 candidate**

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BA Political Science and
Supplemental Major in
Law and Society



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Our History

The Department of Political Science, Public Law and Administration (formerly Government) has existed for over six decades. Over the years, we have trained generations of elected officials, public administrators, attorneys, journalists, non-profit and business leaders, teachers, and university professors.

Our Students

Our students come from across the state, throughout the country, and around the world. In department classes, students gain an understanding of world, national, and local governance and they take that knowledge into the private and public sector. Many of our students participate in student government and Model United Nations along with a variety of on-campus clubs. Others act as college student ambassadors or are involved in our nationally chartered political science honor society. After graduation, many of our students choose to go on to masters' programs in the department and at other institutions. Our graduates have been admitted to the nation's top graduate and professional school.



NMSU's Model United Nations (MUN) team was recognized as a Distinguished Delegation during the 2025 National MUN New York Conference

Considering a Career in Law?

We offer a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Supplemental Major in Law and Society.

If you are interested in a career in law, we also provide pre-law academic advising!

BA Political Science



Law & Society



Our Classes

We offer a wide selection of classes from six subfields of study. Class offerings range from **American Political Issues** to **International Relations**. We teach **Public Administration** and **Non-Profit Management**. We provide a solid foundation in **political theory** as well as **comparative politics** and a wide variety of **law** classes. Here is a sampling of our classes:

- American Political Issues
- The Supreme Court
- Religion and Politics
- International Relations
- The US Mexico Border
- Environmental Policy
- Constitutional Law
- Terrorism and National Security
- Classical Political Theory
- Public and Non-Profit Management



Build your knowledge and make a difference!

Our Faculty

Our faculty have consistently won the university's highest teaching awards. We offer both face to face and online classes. We also offer internship credit, student research and study abroad opportunities.

Our faculty also conduct important research and have won prestigious research grants from the National Science Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. We offer opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students to participate in important and ground breaking research projects.