



## Politics: “Queen of the sciences”

The study of politics is among the oldest of human achievements. If Socrates was the father of political philosophy, then surely Aristotle was the first political scientist, who judged politics as “the queen of the sciences.” But modern political inquiry is as fresh as the 21st century, with its growth from a focus on philosophy, history and law to the scientific examination of political behavior and public policy. Today scholars of politics employ a wide array of methods and approaches to extend our understanding of how politics works and how political actors behave.

Politics at Earlham College is taught from a rich variety of perspectives as we seek to illuminate political things, and all for a common set of purposes: we study politics to concern ourselves as citizens and as human beings with understanding and improving our lives together in peaceful and productive civil societies.

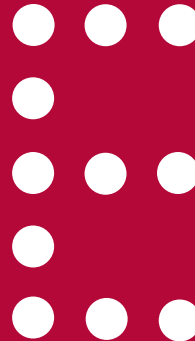
### Morally sensitive leaders for future generations

We in the Politics Department take the Mission Statement of Earlham seriously. “At Earlham College (the teaching – learning process) is carried on with a concern for the world in which we live and for improving human society. The College strives to educate morally sensitive leaders for future generations. Therefore Earlham stresses global education, peaceful resolution of conflict, equality of persons and high moral standards of personal conduct.”



# Earlham Facts

- Founded in 1847 by the Society of Friends, Earlham is rooted in the ideals of Quakerism.
- 1,200 undergraduate students representing 45 states and 67 countries
- Male 45%, Female 55%
- 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- More than 70 percent of every graduating class participates in an off-campus study program.
- More than 75 percent of Earlham graduates pursue an advanced degree.



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## Research opportunities

Members of the Politics Department often collaborate with students on research projects with the help of grants provided by the Ford/Knight Foundation. In addition, the Department provides curricular support of the highly successful Model United Nations Club that takes part in national and international Model UN events, as well as sponsoring a conference for high school students.

## Preparing graduates

Recent alumni include the Chief of Staff to the Governor of Ohio, a campaign manager and a legislative assistant to a member of Congress, clerks to federal judges and a prominent actor of stage and screen. In addition, in the past two decades, eight Earlham students have been awarded prestigious Truman Scholarships; still others have achieved recognition through Marshall Fellowships.

## Examining political problems and issues: A look at the program

The Politics Department offers courses that encourage the thoughtful consideration of diverse political problems, issues and discourses; that provide opportunities to examine political processes, institutions and behavior; and that encourage the development of a rational capacity to discover, describe and analyze empirical evidence of political phenomena.

Earlham offers a rich curriculum including course offerings in Constitutional and International Law, Model United Nations, Science Policy and African Politics.

Ben Fribley '08, a recent Politics graduate from St. Cloud, Minnesota, realized the importance of his Earlham Politics education while studying abroad. His independent project was on Jordanian Martial Law.

About that experience, Ben says: "I felt totally in control of my project; intellectually, linguistically, analytically and methodologically. I was completely capable of holding my own, while offering a perspective I could have gotten only at Earlham. The single best thing an Earlham Politics education gives you is the critical and analytical skill to scrutinize and interrogate the world around you."

For more information about Earlham College's Politics Department, visit [www.earlham.edu/politics](http://www.earlham.edu/politics).



## In the White House and around the world: Internship opportunities

Earlham undergraduates have held summer internships as diverse as working in the White House Press Office, assisting a local prosecuting attorney or serving on the staffs of members of Congress. The Politics Department cooperates fully with the International Programs Office in providing a wide array of off-campus experiences in Politics. Our programs in England, Northern Ireland, Jerusalem, France, Germany/Austria and Japan contain course work in politics.



## Seventy-five percent of Politics grads pursue graduate school

Approximately 75 percent of our graduates pursue graduate or law school. Recent graduates have continued their study at institutions such as American, Brandeis, Columbia, Harvard, Ohio State, Princeton, Temple, New York and Indiana universities and the universities of Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin. Others have attended leading international universities, including the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Oxford University, the University of Wales at Aberystwyth, the University of Warwick and St. Andrews in Scotland.

"One of the defining experiences for me at Earlham was writing a senior thesis about human rights and American foreign policy. I regularly got incisive feedback and moral support from faculty mentors, and the project became a labor of love despite its flaws. The process made me a better writer, got me hooked on research, and ultimately led me to an academic career that on most days blurs the line between work and play."

— Daniel Tichenor '88 is Philip H. Knight Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon; Senior Fellow, Wayne Morse Center for Politics and Public Policy

"Faculty represent expertise in a range of subfields including American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory and Public Law.

"The Department teaches politics from many perspectives, all of them reflecting a concern with understanding and improving the world in which we live."

— Robert M. Johnstone, Ph.D.  
Professor of Politics

## Politics students continue their studies after Earlham

According to HEDS, Earlham is ranked 23rd (in the 98th percentile) among 1,469 institutions of higher learning in the U.S. in the percentage of graduates who go on to receive

Ph.D.s in political science and public administration. Of those receiving Ph.D.s in the social sciences in general, Earlham ranks 29th (also in the 98th percentile.)

