

Political Science is part science and part liberal arts. It is concerned with the theory and practice of politics. The tenant of political science is the allocation and transfer of power. It includes several subfields including; political theory, public policy, American government and politics, comparative politics, constitutional law, the political economy and international relations. In this course students will study the theories that led to the formation of the American government and the historical background dating to the era of Greek and Roman philosophers. They will review the operations and structures of three branches of American government. They will learn civic virtues and how to be active participants in the American political culture. Finally, they will evaluate the role of American in international relations and determine the impact and future of globalization. This is a half year course offered by the Social Studies department to student in grades 10 -12. This course is an elective and not a requirement for graduation in the state of New Jersey.