

**“Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”**  
**John F. Kennedy**

## BACHELOR *of* ARTS

# POLITICS & GOVERNANCE

Politics culminates in good governance when its components — constitution, legislative, executive and judicial institutions, political parties, elections, etc. — are combined to make decisions or produce public policies that are in alignment with the expectations and needs of society. Governance that is open, transparent, and fair creates the foundation on which successful economies and societies can prosper.

The four-year undergraduate BA program in Politics and Governance provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to understand the relationship between politics, society, and governance. The program focuses on **decision-making** and **conflict resolution** at the local, national, and international levels, and the interconnection of **democracy**, **citizenship**, **rule of law**, and **human rights**. Tailored to the Armenian context, the program takes a global view and enables students to contextualize and address political and societal challenges in an increasingly interconnected world.

The BAPG program builds on the successes and achievements of the Master of Political Science and International Affairs (MPSIA), which was founded in 1994. In addition to twenty-five years of excellent teaching and research experience, the MPSIA program has developed a network of over 550 alumni with successful careers in academia, government, private enterprise, non-profit organizations, and international institutions.

The newly launched BAPG program is taught by faculty who bring their experience from working in leading positions in government, public administration, research centers, NGOs, and more. They are regularly published in reputable international journals, participate in local and international conferences, and present expert opinions on domestic and international affairs. They received doctoral degrees from universities including University of Pittsburgh, University of Bergen, Jacobs University, Boston University, Colorado State University, Rutgers University, and Moscow State University.

# Explore *the* Possibilities CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- National/Local Government
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- International Organizations
- Educational and Research Institutions
- Local and International Non-Governmental Organizations
- Embassies

# GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- Political Science
- International Relations
- Public Administration
- Governance
- Human Rights
- Diplomacy
- Law

## What *to* Expect

BAPG is an interdisciplinary degree combining a strong core of politics and governance with a variety of other major courses and free electives. As part of a liberal arts education offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, this unique and innovative program is the first of its kind in Armenia and the region. The BAPG degree provides knowledge and understanding of the values, beliefs, and institutions that constitute the governing processes.

Students will develop analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to discuss citizens' roles within the governing processes, evaluate conflicting positions, and make informed, impactful conclusions on pressing societal issues. They will also develop valuable creative skills as they cultivate their experience and commitment to the field, society, and lifelong learning. Students graduating from this program will be equipped to become part of the solutions for Armenia and our increasingly interconnected world.

Students have the ability to apply for internship opportunities at various state institutions and international organizations and for a semester abroad through Erasmus + Student Credit Mobility programs at universities across Europe.

## What You'll Study

*BAPG offers courses to develop competencies in the following five fields.*

Politics

Business and Economics

Sociology

Social Science Research

History

## GENERAL EDUCATION

The BA in Politics and Governance degree consists of two components: the Major requirements and the General Education requirements. While the Major courses provide students with depth, specialization, and career preparation, General Education gives breadth and a foundation of general knowledge, perspectives, and skills for life. Both are carefully designed components to assure that graduates are ready for lifelong learning, whether in the classroom, in their profession, or on their own. For more information, visit [gened.aua.am](http://gened.aua.am).

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