



Research on the U.S.-Mexico border helped alumnus Cristian Martínez go from foster care to the halls of power in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of Political Science.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

INVESTIGATE

What factors shape international relationships? How is political power distributed in democratic and non-democratic societies? What are the best ways to prevent terrorism? How are citizens mobilized to play a greater role in political decision-making? What factors account for change in public policy?

Political science scholars investigate these and other issues that impact our daily lives through legislation, executive decisions, policy changes, court cases, national security initiatives and international laws.

INNOVATE

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