

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENTAL PROFILE**

Research

- In the last three years department faculty have published eight books, twenty nine referred journal articles, and thirteen book chapters.
- Faculty publish in diverse outlets, including the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Analysis*, the *American Review of Public Administration*, the *Policy Studies Journal*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *PS*, *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, *Political Communication*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *Political Research Quarterly*.
- Department faculty are recipients of prominent professional awards, including a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow at Harvard University, multiple Fulbright Fellowships, the Hughes-Gossett Award for the Best Paper in the *Journal of Supreme Court History*, and the American Judicature Society Award.
- In recent years, four assistant professors have received research money through SIU's competitive seed grant program.
- Faculty members typically receive full support for travel to multiple professional meetings, as well as graduate research assistance. Faculty members regularly receive course reductions and sabbaticals at appropriate points in their career.
- In recent years the department has received multiple grants from the United States Department of State, including ten grants for hosting summer Fulbright American Studies Institutes.

Teaching and Pedagogy

- The typical faculty teaching load is two classes per semester with some graduate teaching on a regular basis.
- We have thriving graduate programs both in public administration and political science. Roughly 45 students are currently enrolled in political science, most of whom receive funding. The MPA program has approximately 70 enrolled students.
- Our undergraduate program is one of the fastest growing on campus, with 225 students currently enrolled as majors.
- Faculty members regularly secure internal grants to help develop and improve courses.

General facts

- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale is located at the northern edge of the Shawnee National Forest, in Carbondale, IL.
- SIU has approximately 20,000 graduate and undergraduate students. We have a diverse student body. Roughly 14-percent of the student population is comprised of American-born ethnic minorities and a notable proportion of our students come from out-of-state as well as urban East St. Louis and Chicago. There is also a sizeable body of foreign students enrolled each semester.
- The Department of Political Science currently has 16 full time, tenure-track faculty members, and will at least two more next year.
- Carbondale is located about 2 hours from St. Louis, 1 hour from Paducah, KY. It is around 5 hours from Chicago. A local airport provides quick access to larger airline hubs.
- As the self-proclaimed capital of Southern Illinois, Carbondale offers a wide array of cultural, social, and economic opportunities for its residents.