There's a map for that.

Political Science

Ever wonder how you can get more involved with your major and change the world at the same time? Use the guide on the back of this map to learn how to connect with and engage in social innovation in your own major.

Field Overview

Whether it's academic research that shows new ways to change society or lobbying for innovation initiatives or regulations, political science is a great starting place to learn how to change the world for the better.

Model in the Field

Steven Clift's studies in Public Affairs led him to lament the lack of civic activism in the USA and around the world. As voter turn-out and participation in local political processes decreased worldwide, Clift determined to change the antiquated system in order to serve 21st century citizens. By creating E-Democracy.org, he provided a formal online substitute or supplement to traditional town-hall style meetings. Users must use their legal names, may only post 2x per day, and are subject to moderators who keep the discussion relevant and moving. Clift hopes to further improve the website to provide all citizens with a central online location to intelligently exchange ideas and form plans for action.

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GET STARTED HERE ON CAMPUS

CLASSES
- PLSC 372: International Political Economy
- PLSC 444: The Political Economy of Development*
- PLSC 472: International Political Economy of Women
- BUS M 37IR: Social Entrepreneurship Lecture Series
- BUS M 49OR: Social Innovation—Do Good Better
- IAS 220: Intro to International Development

ORGANIZATIONS
- BYUPAS (Political Affairs Society)
- SID (Students for International Development)

- Model UN
- Political Economy and Development Lab
- NMSA (Nonprofit Management Student Association)
- Ballard Center for Economic Self Reliance
- SILC (Social Innovation Leadership Council)
- Amnesty International

INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES

INTERNSHIPS
- Washington Seminar
- SIP (Social Innovation Projects on-campus internships)
- USAID Internship (United States Agency for International Development)
- Uganda Mentored Research (through BYU)
- World Bank

- IMF Internship
- PEDL (Political Economy and Development Lab)
- Research Assistantship
- AidData (BYU-run development aid data collection)
- Field Study/Study Abroad

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OTHER RESOURCES

PROFESSORS
- Daniel Nielson, PEDL (Foreign Aid Research)
- Josh Gubler, PEDL (Middle Eastern Conflict)
- Joel Selway, PEDL (Ethnic Conflicts)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
- pedl.byu.edu/Pages/PEDL.aspx
- womanstats.org
- aiddata.org
- BYU Political Review
- Ballard Center emails and Kennedy Center newsletters
- socialedge.org
- ssireview.org

MINOR CERTIFICATES
- International Development Minor
- Nonprofit Management Minor
- Global Management Certificate

GRAD PROGRAMS
- Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service (NYU)
- Department of International Relations Boston University
- The Leitner Program of International and Comparative Political Economy (Yale)