STEVEN STEHR: The field of political science studies political ideas, political institutions, policies, processes, political behavior from domestic, international, and comparative perspective. It’s particularly important in these days when we see all sorts of controversy surrounding how politics is done in the United States and around the world. We strive to make our online programs as rigorous and as interesting as we do our face-to-face offerings.

All of our courses are designed by faculty and delivered by either our faculty or people that we have trained through our PhD program. We try to train our students to be critical thinkers. We strive to improve oral and written communication skills, and we also like to expose students to a wide variety of perspectives. Not just political perspectives, but methodological perspectives as well.

Our students when they come out of our program have a real wide variety of options. Some of our students go into teaching K through 12 and community college. Some of our students become analysts for regional or state agencies, some go into the nonprofit sector. A fair number of our students go into national security positions.

We send quite a few of our students to Washington DC and otherwise working in defense oriented agencies. And the Foreign Service is another possibility. Our programs are problem oriented in terms of their teaching and learning. In other words, our aim is to try and facilitate students to be able to help contribute to society at large and help solve the large scale problems.