

**Assistant Professor of Political Science/Philosophy**

**Summary:**

LSU Shreveport invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Political Science to begin in August 2026. We seek a colleague committed to excellence in teaching, scholarly engagement, and student success.

The desired applicant will hold a Ph.D. in Political Science or a related field by August 19, 2026. Preference will be given to candidates whose primary expertise is in American government, but who also has a strong background in the history of political thought and ideology and the capability to teach undergraduate philosophy courses. This tenure-track, 9-month position will join our faculty in the Department of History & Social Sciences.

Faculty typically teach 12 hours per semester of undergraduate/graduate courses. All faculty are expected to advise students and participate on committees as appropriate. While our primary mission is teaching, scholarly activity is required for promotions. This position is based in Shreveport, Louisiana, and is not a remote position.

**Responsibilities:**

• Teach undergraduate courses in Political Science and Philosophy and graduate courses in Political Science, as needed.

• Mentor students, supporting their academic and professional development.

• Engage in research and scholarly activities in Political Science, Philosophy, or related fields.

• Participate in service activities at the university, college, and department levels, as well as in community and profession.

• Contribute to curriculum development and program growth in the Department of History and Social Sciences.

• Participate in the assessment of student learning outcomes, program effectiveness, and compliance with accreditation standards, including submission of annual program assessment reports.

**Required Qualifications:**

• An earned PhD. in Political Science or a related field by August 19, 2026.

• Demonstrated commitment to teaching excellence and commitment to accessible teaching practices.

• A record of scholarly activities (i.e., journal articles, research projects, and a continued research agenda).

**Preferred Qualifications:**

• University teaching experience.

• Experience in hybrid and online course design, development, and implementation.

**Salary and Benefits:**

• Competitive salary commensurate with experience.

• Comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, retirement plan options, and professional development support.

*LSUS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability status*.

**Application Process:**

Review of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, and contact information for three (3) professional references to Dr. Jeff Wells, the chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences, [jeff.wells@lsus.edu](mailto:jeff.wells@lsus.edu).

For questions about the position, contact: Dr. Jeff Wells, [jeff.wells@lsus.edu](mailto:jeff.wells@lsus.edu)

For accessibility accommodations during any part of the hiring process, contact [disabilityservices@lsus.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@lsus.edu) 318-797-5116.

Application materials must include:

• Letter of application

• Current vita

• Contract information for three (3) professional references

• At least one sample syllabus

• List of classes you have taught (teaching assistant classes may be included)

**About LSU Shreveport and the Department of History and Social Sciences:**

LSUS boasts a high percentage of faculty with terminal degrees. With over 10,000 students, LSUS boasts the highest number of graduate students in the state. LSUS has more than 20 undergraduate degree programs, and more than a dozen graduate programs including a Master of Arts in Liberal Arts (MA). The Department of History and Social Sciences offers undergraduate degrees in History and Criminal Justice and offers courses in Criminal Justice, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. Named by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the most affordable colleges in Louisiana, LSU Shreveport offers high quality classroom instruction with very affordable tuition rates. In addition, LSUS offers many forms of financial aid, including scholarships, on-campus employment, and graduate assistantships. With recent expansion in the university’s infrastructure and investment in educational technology, these improvements continue to enhance the student experience at LSU Shreveport, and the University has proven itself to be an institution of opportunity and quality.

**About Shreveport:**

The Shreveport-Bossier City area offers an attractive quality of life, combining the conveniences of a big city with the warmth and hospitality of a smaller town. With a metropolitan population of over 380,000, the Shreveport-Bossier City area offers a low cost of living, affordable housing, and numerous diverse dining and entertainment options. Exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities abound. Frequently called "A Sportsman's Paradise," the area's mild climate, various lakes and rivers, and beautiful parks create the perfect setting for jogging, bicycling, water sports, hunting, and fishing. For other recreational activities, Shreveport-Bossier is home to several riverboat casinos and horse racing at Louisiana Downs. Additional entertainment venues include the Brookshire Grocery Arena, which hosts a variety of events, including musical performances, comedians, rodeos, children’s events, and ice skating productions, among others. Shreveport also hosts dozens of festivals, including Mardi Gras, the Louisiana Prize Fest, the Red River Revel, and Taco Wars, which feature regional food and music. The city offers regular theatrical productions, ballet and concerts by the Shreveport Symphony and the Shreveport Opera. Shreveport is also home to the American Rose Garden.