

# Associations for Legal Studies, Political Science, and International Relations Students

## Legal Studies Associations

### American Bar Association (ABA)

**Mission:** Our mission is to serve equally our members, our profession and the public by defending liberty and delivering justice as the national representative of the legal profession.

**Membership:** FREE student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.americanbar.org/>

### Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA)

**Mission:** Our Association advocates on issues of importance to the Hispanic community. The HNBA's advocacy efforts are selected to reflect the current environment and include joining in amicus briefs, issuing press releases and appearing before media outlets, officials, and testifying before the U.S. Congress.

**Membership:** FREE student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://hnba.com/>

### National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

**Mission:** The Guild's first commitment is to progressive structural change to the current political and economic system, emphasizing human rights over property interests. In addition to attorneys, our membership includes legal workers, law students, and jailhouse lawyers

**Membership:** \$25 membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.nlg.org/>

# Political Science Associations

## The American Political Science Association (APSA)

**Mission:** The American Political Science Association (APSA) supports excellence in scholarship and teaching and informed discourse about politics, policy and civic participation. The Association promotes a lively, diverse community of scholars, teachers, students, and practitioners who bring wide-ranging interests, methodologies, and perspectives to the analysis and conduct of government and politics. The Association disseminates information, facilitates collaboration among its members, and publicizes research findings on important theoretical and political issues, and publishes a variety of materials relevant to the discipline. It enhances the capacity of political scientists to conduct research, improve teaching, develop professionally, and communicate their ideas within the discipline and to wider publics.

**Membership:** \$52 student membership

**Leadership:** National membership

**Website:** <https://www.apsanet.org/>

## Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

**Mission:** The Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) was founded in 1939 and is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship in all areas of political science. The purposes of the MPSA are to promote the professional study and teaching of political science, to facilitate communications between those engaged in such study, and to develop standards for and encourage research in theoretical and practical political problems. As such, MPSA is a nonpartisan association. It does not support political parties or candidates.

**Membership:** \$93 student membership

**Leadership:** Regional membership

**Website:** <https://www.mpsanet.org/>

## International Political Science Association (IPSA)

**Mission:** The special mandate of IPSA, expressed in its Constitution, is to support the development of political science in all parts of the world, building academic networks linking East and West, North and South. Its aim is to create an inclusive and global political science community in which all can participate. It seeks to promote collaboration between scholars in emerging and established democracies and to support the academic freedoms needed for the social sciences to flourish.

**Membership:** \$55 student membership

**Leadership:** International membership

**Website:** <https://www.ipsa.org/>

# International Relations Associations

## **International Studies Association (ISA)**

**Mission:** The Association promotes rigorous discussion, research and writing on a broad range of topics within International Studies, broadly construed. ISA also offers various funding, bridging and mentoring opportunities that facilitate the development of new ideas, relationships and skillsets. These opportunities provide a space for underrepresented groups, early career scholars and other professionals to grow in the field. As an Association dedicated to posing and answering questions regarding some of the most pressing issues of our time, ISA is composed of a variety of Sections, Caucuses and Regions that seek to facilitate their members' analysis of, and engagement with, the world of international, transnational and global affairs writ large.

**Membership:** \$35 student membership

**Leadership:** International membership

**Website:** <https://www.apsanet.org/>