

My Ball State Story: Eric Kuznar



The last two years spent in Ball State University's Political Science Program was as fulfilling as any I have spent while pursuing an education. The faculty is not only well informed and engaged in their specific fields but also available and helpful as they truly care about their student's enrichment and success. Along the way I have been able to build skills that have not only helped me in passing my courses but also regularly carry over into the real world and my everyday job. I began my education at Ball State University during undergrad where I received a Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications with a focus in print journalism. However after finishing my bachelor's degree I felt as if I needed something more. I was driven to not only record and report on policy and decision-making at the highest levels but also be involved in the process. That is when I made the decision to pursue my Master of Arts in Political Science here at Ball State. The program gave me exactly what I needed in both an education about domestic and foreign political systems as well as a deeper understanding and appreciation of quantitative data analytics, which was one of the deciding factors in the attainment of my job with NSI Inc. There I will be working as an analyst for a consultation firm that specializes in governmental and national defense policy issues. My experiences at Ball State were not relegated to the classroom as my time spent on the football team, as a boxer from a local gym and on many adventures I spent with friends I met inside and outside of the department connected me to the surrounding Muncie community in an enriching and positive way. Ball State has played the largest formative roll any institution has in my life up to this moment and I will continue to take the values and practices learned here and apply them as I go forward into my professional career. (Spring 2019)