

What is Political Science

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Political Science is the study of power, authority and governance in human affairs. With a degree in Political Science you will develop an aptitude for critical debate, and use your analytical and research skills to evaluate competing perspectives and theories. Political science subfields include political theory, political philosophy, political ideology, political economy, policy studies and analysis, comparative politics, international relations, and a host of related fields. Political scientists use both humanistic and scientific perspectives and tools and a variety of methodological approaches to examine the process, systems, and political dynamics of all countries and regions of the world.

Why Study Political Science?

Are you interested in American politics? International affairs? Critical issues such as health, the environment, civil rights? Theories concerning the ideal government and how power and resources are allocated in society? Do you want to study these subjects and pursue a career based on your interest? If so, you should consider studying political science.

Political science students can gain a versatile set of skills that can be applied in a wide range of exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; precollegiate education; electoral politics; research and university and college teaching.

Careers In Political Science

A bachelor's degree in political science can lead to exciting careers in federal, state and local governments; law; business; international organizations; nonprofit associations and organizations; campaign management and polling; journalism; precollegiate education; electoral politics; research and university and college teaching.

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Political science majors gain analytical skills, administrative competence and communication abilities that are valued in a wide spectrum of potential career areas.

Potential Earnings for Political Science Majors

On May 24, 2011, the Georgetown University Center for Education and Workforce released a report entitled "What's it Worth? The Economic Value of College Majors", by P. Carnevale, Jeff Strohl, and Michelle Melton. This report is based upon US Census Data and examines 171 majors. The findings indicate that there is a great deal of variation in projected median earnings among different majors. Earnings prospects for graduate degree holders are also discussed. To see where an undergraduate or a graduate degree in political science ranks in terms of potential future earnings, please view the full report and the social science chapter, in particular at <http://cew.georgetown.edu/whatsitworth/>

▣ Examples of Careers for Political Scientists

Career booklets - [click here](#)The following are small sample of careers for political scientists.

Activist, Advocate/Organizer

Administration, Corporate, Government, Non-Profit, etc.

Archivist, Online Political Data

Budget Examiner or Analyst

Attorney

Banking Analyst or Executive

Campaign Operative

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Career Counselor

CIA Analyst or Agent

City Planner

City Housing Administrator

Congressional Office/Committee Staffer

Coordinator of Federal or State Aid

Communications Director

Corporate Analyst

Corporate Public Affairs Advisor

Corporate Economist

Corporate Manager

Corporate Information Analyst

Corporate Adviser for Gov't'l. Relations

Corporate Executive

Corporation Legislative Issues Manager

Editor, Online Political Journal

Entrepreneur

Federal Government Analyst

Financial Consultant

Foreign Service Officer

Foundation President

Free-lance writer

High School Government Teacher

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Immigration Officer

Information Manager

Intelligence Officer

International Agency Officer

International Research Specialist

Issues Analyst, Corporate Social Policy Div.

Journalist

Juvenile Justice Specialist

Labor Relations Specialist

Legislative Analyst / Coordinator

Lobbyist

Management Analyst

Mediator

Plans and Review Officer, USIA

Policy Analyst

Political Commentator

Pollster

Public Affairs Research Analyst

Public Opinion Analyst

Publisher

Research Analyst

State Legislator

Survey Analyst

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Systems Analyst

Teacher

University Administrator

University Professor

Urban Policy Planner

Web Content Editor