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What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Political Science

As a political science major, students explore the origins, historical development, and functions of government and political power. Political science majors study the ways in which electoral, legislative, judicial, and administrative structures vary among countries; the reasons why governments change, fall, and engage in wars; and the behavior of public officials and other citizens who take part in politics. Professors of political science attempt to provide students with a better understanding of political parties, interest groups, international relationships, public law, public administration, liberty, freedom, justice and power. Major sub-branches include political theory and philosophy, comparative government and politics, international relations, and political behavior.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: history; current events; politics; debate; student government; community service activities; issues relating to social justice

Consider this major if you are good at: critical thinking; speaking and writing articulately; reading; leadership; data interpretation; research; teamwork

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Colleges and universities
- Government and non-profit agencies
- Libraries and historical societies
- Corporations or consulting firms
- Public and private research groups
- Law firms

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Curator
- Journalist
- Advocate
- Lawyer
- Educator
- Political Campaign Consultant

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

Great Jobs for Political Science Majors

Careers in Government

Opportunities in Government Careers

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Introduction to Political Science
- U.S. Government
- International Relations
- Judicial Processes
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- International Law
- Global Issues
- Political Theory
- Ethic and Racial Politics
- Politics of Ecological Crisis

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- International Relations
- History
- Public Administration
- Journalism
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- American Studies
- Urban Studies

WEBSITES TO VISIT

American Political Science Association
www.apsanet.org

Midwest Political Science Association
www.mwpsa.org