

What Can I Do With a Major In **POLITICAL SCIENCE**?

Political Science focuses on the systematic study of political institutions and behavior. The major typically includes instruction in political philosophy, political theory, comparative government and politics, political parties and interest groups, public opinion, political research methods, studies of the government and politics of specific countries, and studies of specific political institutions and processes.

Typical Coursework

American Political Systems	American Public Policy
History of Political Thought	International Politics
Public Administration	State and Local Politics
Constitutional Law	Criminal Justice
Environmental Policy	Governments of Latin America
Governments of Asia	Governments Western Europe
International Affairs	The First Amendment
The Politics of War	Urban Government
Voting and Elections	

Related Skills

Oral & written communication	Interact with diverse populations
Decision-making	Able to develop & market ideas
Problem-solving	Understanding of community needs
Analytical thinking	Computer literate
Research skills	Team worker
Leadership abilities	

Directly Related Occupations – may need advanced education

Federal Government

Officer, FBI	Teacher, Overseas School for...	Program Analyst
Researcher	Foreign Service Officer/Specialist	Ambassador
GAO Evaluator	Public Affairs Specialist	Intelligence Specialist, CIA
Staff Aid, Congressional Committee		

State & Local Government

County Treasurer	County Council Member	Assistant Chief of Police
State Chief Purchasing Officer	City Planner	City Project Coordinator
City Housing Administrator	City's Coordinator of...	

Campaigns and Polling

Campaign Manager/Consultant	Political Director	Survey Researcher
Political Reporter	Pollster	Fundraiser
Dir., Political Action Committee	Press Officer for Candidate	Issue Analyst
Political Consultant	Non-profit advocacy	

Law

Paralegal
Research Consultant
Public Interest
Public Policy Analyst
Attorney
Juvenile Justice Specialist

Deputy Secretary to the Governor
Corporate Legal Counsel
Consumer Advocate
CIA Inspector
Commissioner
Broadcast/Newspaper Reporter

State Legislator\Mediator
Law Professor
Lobbyist
Criminologist
Politician

Journalism

Writer/Editor/Reporter
Public Affairs Research Analyst

Director of Corporate Public Affairs

Press Officer

Education

Government/Politics Teacher

Researcher

College Professor

Who Hires for this Occupation?

Political Scientists work in business and industry, research firms, colleges/universities, schools or the government.

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Visit [FOCUS2](#) (use ARCC credentials to sign-in) for more information regarding related occupations and average salaries and explore other related majors. You can also take assessments to match your skills, interests, and values to potential careers and majors.



Explore the Possibilities

Tools for ongoing career and education exploration

What Can I Do With A Major In ... Offered At Anoka-Ramsey Community College?



What Can I Do If I Majored In ...



Explore Any Occupation



Explore Occupations By Job Family



Compare 2 Occupations Side By Side



MN Colleges and Universities with a major in POLITICAL SCIENCE

Augsburg College	*Bemidji State University	Bethel University
Carleton College	College of St. Benedict	College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College	Gustavus Adolphus College	Hamline University
Macalester College	*MN State University, Mankato	St. John's University
St. Catherine's University	*MN State University, Moorhead	St. Olaf College
St. Mary's Univ, Winona	*St. Cloud State University	*Southwest State University
University of MN – Duluth	University of MN – Morris	University of MN – Twin Cities
*Winona State University	University of St. Thomas	*Metro State University

*Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers a [Political Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree](#) with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and also directly to designated Psychology Bachelor's Degree programs at Minnesota State System Universities.

Search for majors and colleges at [Minnesota State System Colleges and University](#).

Professional Association Links

[The American Political Science Association](#)

[Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management](#)

[International Association for Political Science Students](#)

[Midwest Political Science Association](#)

For More Information

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

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[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

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[Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington](#)