

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 **International Politics** History of Political Thought **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

<u>Directly Related Occupations - may need advanced education</u>

Federal Government

Officer, FBI Teacher, Overseas School for... Program Analyst Researcher Foreign Service Officer/Specialist Ambassador

Public Affairs Specialist Intelligence Specialist, CIA **GAO** Evaluator

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 **Fundraiser** Pollster Dir., Political Action Committee Press Officer for Candidate Issue Analyst

Political Consultant Non-profit advocacy

<u>Law</u>

Paralegal Deputy Secretary to the Governor State Legislator\Mediator Research Consultant Corporate Legal Counsel Law Professor

Public Interest Consumer Advocate Lobbyist
Public Policy Analyst CIA Inspector Criminologist
Attorney Commissioner Politician

Juvenile Justice Specialist Broadcast/Newspaper Reporter

<u>Iournalism</u>

Writer/Editor/Reporter Director of Corporate Public Affairs Press Officer

Public Affairs Research Analyst

Education

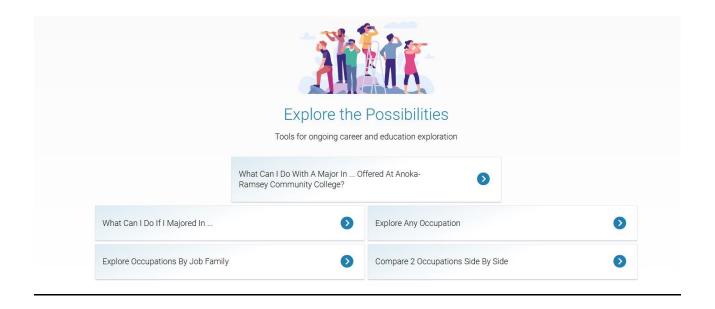
Government/Politics Teacher Researcher College Professor

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 <u>FOCUS2</u> (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.



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

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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Career Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

^{*}Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers a <u>Political Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree</u> 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 Minesota State System Universities.