**An Overview...**

Political science is the study of government and related power systems, focusing on government’s structure and function and how it intersects with the lives of citizens. Political science offers students a better understanding of political parties, interest groups, international relationships, public law, public administration, and a deeper understanding of abstract concepts like liberty, freedom, justice, and power. It also traces how ideas about the rights and privileges of citizens evolved and how theories are developed about political processes.

**A degree in political science helps develop the following skills:**

- Critical thinking
- Communication of ideas
- Ability to interpret social, economic, and political data
- Ability to relate to people from varying backgrounds
- Problem evaluation
- Information organization
- Leadership skills
- Knowledge of research methods
- Conflict negotiation
- Understanding of community needs
- Argument construction
- Decision making
- Ability to read comprehensively
- Public speaking

**Some Professional Careers:**

- Activist, Advocate/Organizer
- Archivist, Online Political Data
- Budget Examiner or Analyst
- Attorney
- Banking Analyst or Executive
- Campaign Operative
- Career Counselor
- CIA Analyst or Agent
- City Planner
- Congressional Office/Committee
- Coordinator of Federal or State Aid
- Communications Director
- Corporate Analyst
- Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
- Corporate Economist
- Corporate Manager
- Corporate Information Analyst
- Corporate Executive
- Corporation Legislative Issues
- Development Coordinator
- Editor, Online Political Journal
- Entrepreneur
- Federal Government Analyst
- Financial Consultant
- Foreign Service Officer
- Free-lance writer
- Grant Manager
- High School Government Teacher
- Immigration Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- International Agency Officer
- International Research Specialist
- Issues Analyst, Corporate Social
- 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
- Systems Analyst
- Teacher
- University Professor
- Urban Policy Planner
Career Center Resources:
Visit www.du.edu/career and click on “Student” then “Career and Major Exploration” for more information.

Political Science Department Resources:
Sign up for the political science listserv to get more information about internship and job opportunities!
Send an email asking to be on the listserv to: polisci@du.edu.

Hiring and Job Search Resources:

Jobs with the Federal Government: Colorado Non-Profit Association (CANPO)
USAJobs.gov http://coloradononprofits.org/

Jobs in the Foreign Service: Peace Corps:
careers.state.gov/ http://www.peacecorps.gov/

Nonprofit Jobs and Internships in Colorado: Presidential Management Fellows:
Coloradoonprofits.org http://www.pmf.gov/

Nonprofit Jobs and Internships: U.S. House of Representatives Jobs/Internships:
Idealist.org http://www.house.gov/content/jobs/members_and_committees.php

Summer jobs/Internships with Federal Government: U.S. Senate Jobs and Internships:
Student Educational Employment Program http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/visiting/h_multi_sections_and_teasers/employment.htm
http://www.opm.gov/employ/students/intro.asp

State and Local Government Jobs in Colorado:
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/colorado/default.cfm

Professional Organizations:

American Political Science Association American Bar Association
(202) 483-2512 (312) 988-5000

American Association of Political Consultants Society of Professional Journalists
(703) 245-8020 (317) 927-8000
www.theaapc.org www.spj.org

Job Titles of DU Undergraduate Political Science Majors:

Legislative Assistant with Siegel Public Affairs
Teacher with Teach for America
Campaign Manager
Nonprofit Development Coordinator
Community Organizer
Speech Writer
Paralegal in a family law practice
Legal Research Coordinator for Clinical Trials

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