
Political Science

Career Information

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

Some Professional Careers:

Activist, Advocate/Organizer	Corporation Legislative Issues	Legislative Analyst / Coordinator
Archivist, Online Political Data	Development Coordinator	Lobbyist
Budget Examiner or Analyst	Editor, Online Political Journal	Management Analyst
Attorney	Entrepreneur	Mediator
Banking Analyst or Executive	Federal Government Analyst	Plans and Review Officer, USIA
Campaign Operative	Financial Consultant	Policy Analyst
Career Counselor	Foreign Service Officer	Political Commentator
CIA Analyst or Agent	Free-lance writer	Pollster
City Planner	Grant Manager	Public Affairs Research Analyst
Congressional Office/Committee	High School Government Teacher	Public Opinion Analyst
Coordinator of Federal or State Aid	Immigration Officer	Publisher
Communications Director	Intelligence Officer	Research Analyst
Corporate Analyst	International Agency Officer	State Legislator
Corporate Public Affairs Advisor	International Research Specialist	Survey Analyst
Corporate Economist	Issues Analyst, Corporate Social	Systems Analyst
Corporate Manager	Journalist	Teacher
Corporate Information Analyst	Juvenile Justice Specialist	University Professor
Corporate Executive	Labor Relations Specialist	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:

USAJobs.gov

Colorado Non-Profit Association (CANPO)

<http://coloradononprofits.org/>

Jobs in the Foreign Service:

careers.state.gov/

Peace Corps:

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Nonprofit Jobs and Internships in Colorado:

Coloradononprofits.org

Presidential Management Fellows:

<http://www.pmf.gov/>

Nonprofit Jobs and Internships:

Idealist.org

U.S. House of Representatives Jobs/Internships:

http://www.house.gov/content/jobs/members_and_committees.php

Summer jobs/Internships with Federal Government:

Student Educational Employment Program

<http://www.opm.gov/employ/students/intro.asp>

U.S. Senate Jobs and Internships:

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/visiting/h_multi_sections_and_teasers/employment.htm

State and Local Government Jobs in Colorado:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/colorado/default.cfm>

Professional Organizations:

American Political Science Association

(202) 483-2512

<http://www.apsanet.org/>

American Bar Association

(312) 988-5000

<http://www.americanbar.org>

American Association of Political Consultants

(703) 245-8020

www.theaapc.org

Society of Professional Journalists

(317) 927-8000

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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