



What Can I Do With a Major In ...

# Political Science

## What is Political Science....

Political science is an academic and research discipline that deals with the theory and practice of politics and the description and analysis of political systems and political behavior. **A Political Scientist:** researches political ideas and analyze governments, policies, political trends, and related issues. They may conduct polls and surveys, review Supreme Court decisions, or actions of legislative bodies, or analyze the content of media articles. Some do academic research, writing or teaching. Others work on applied problems for federal agencies such as the Department of State and Defense. A few are freelancers who prepare analyses for newspapers, radio and television distribution.

## Potential Employers

- ❖ Government Agencies
- ❖ International Agencies
- ❖ Law Firms
- ❖ Universities and Colleges
- ❖ Consulting Firms
- ❖ Newspapers/Media
- ❖ Private Firms/Business
- ❖ Banks
- ❖ Lobbying Firms
- ❖ Research Organizations
- ❖ Nonprofit Organizations
- ❖ Special Interest Groups

## Possible Job Titles

- ❖ City Manager
- ❖ Sales Manager
- ❖ Consumer Adv.
- ❖ Business Administrator
- ❖ Legal Investigator
- ❖ Financial Planner
- ❖ Editor
- ❖ Researcher
- ❖ Technical Writer
- ❖ Executive Sales

- ❖ Journalist
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ Foreign Service
- ❖ Politician
- ❖ Lobbyist/Organizer
- ❖ Diplomat
- ❖ Intelligence Agent
- ❖ Executive Assistant

- ❖ Urban Policy Planner
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Lawyer/Paralegal
- ❖ Sales Manager
- ❖ Events Planner
- ❖ Human Rights Advocate

# How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

## Skills Learned in This Major:

- ❖ Strong reasoning skills; inductive and deductive reasoning
- ❖ Formal debating, learn to shape convincing arguments and to speak their minds
- ❖ Persuasive arguments
- ❖ Understand the structure of government in different states, countries or regions
- ❖ Research abilities
- ❖ Leadership skills

## Additional Information can be found at:

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)  
[www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)  
[www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html](http://www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html)  
[www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)  
[www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)

## CSU/UC Related Transfer Majors:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Political Science B.A. (with options in Law and Society, Politics and Government, Public Policy and Management), Urban Studies and Planning B.A.
- ❖ **CSULA:** Political Science B.A. (with options in General Political Science, Global Politics, Prelegal, Public Administration)
- ❖ **CSU Channel Islands:** Political Science B.A.
- ❖ **UCLA:** Political Science (Pre) B.A., Global Studies (Pre) B.A.
- ❖ ... and more!

Go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to see universities that offer these majors

## CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options:

- ❖ **CSUN:** Political Science MA
- ❖ **CSU Fresno:** International Relations
- ❖ **UCLA:** Political Science PhD

This is **general information**. For specific information on majors and careers please see a counselor in the Career Center – Claudia Ramirez (818)833-3403 ; [careercenter@lamission.edu](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu)