

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science is the study of governments, political behavior, and systems, examining how power is organized, exercised, and influenced within societies. It explores theories, institutions, and policies that shape political processes and decision-making at local, national, and international levels.

COMMON JOB TITLES * additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

Campaign Consultant
Program Manager
Congressional Legislative Aide
Data Researcher*
Foreign Service Officer*
International Trade Analyst*

Journalist
Lawyer*
Lobbyist*
Politician*
Political Scientist*
Professor/Teacher*

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

City & State Offices: Mayor's Office, Senator's Office, NE State Legislation
Government: NE DHHS, Nebraska Judicial Branch
Law Enforcement: Omaha PD, NE State Patrol, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Military: U.S. Secret Service, Air Force Civilian Service, FBI

Universities/Colleges: UNO, UNL, Creighton
Public/Private Schools: OPS, Elkhorn, Ralston
Law Firms: Berry Law Firm, Smith Slusky Law, Baird Hold, LLP
Nonprofit Organizations: Legal Aid of NE, Habitat for Humanity

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Public Speaking
Leadership Skills
Data Analysis
Information Literacy
Cultural Awareness
Critical Thinking Skills

Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Office
SPSS/R
Google Suite
EndNote
SQL

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Participate with a **UNO Political Science Student Organization** to connect with other students & discover your passions

Get involved with the **BOLD Civic Engagement Fellowship Program** to participate in events, discussions, & other valuable experiences

Join the **UNO Undergraduate Research Initiative** to apply your learning outside of the classroom

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MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

Political Science + Mathematics minor = Data Researcher*

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Political Science + Sustainability minor = Lobbyist*

Political Science + Ethics minor = Lawyer*

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Lawyers

Political Scientists

Journalists

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to accounting jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

A **Masters degree**, **Doctoral Degree**, or other **Professional Degree** may be beneficial or required after graduation depending on your desired career path. Advanced degrees offers opportunities for advanced study, specialization, and development

More Information:

UNO Political Science Graduate Programs

UNO Graduate Programs A-Z

UNO Pre-Law Information

OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Department of Political Science

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook


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Book an appointment with your Advisor

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