

Political Science

Curriculum

Today it is important for all citizens to be familiar with a system of government which affects virtually every facet of life. The study of Political Science shows how governments operate and how politics is practiced. It is a diverse discipline and involves the study of both governments and related institutions at the local, state, national, and international levels. The program is flexible, and students are encouraged to tailor their studies in anticipation of specific careers, graduate school, or law school.

Political Science majors develop the following skills:

- Think independently and conduct in-depth analyses
- Communicate effectively utilizing concise, persuasive writing and clear verbal communication skills
- Understand complex social structures
- Function effectively in a multi-cultural world, tolerance of others, and a concern for current affairs

These skills are broadly applicable to a wide variety of career choices. Moreover, the particular emphasis of a political science education uniquely prepares one for knowledgeable and effective citizenship at all levels of the political system.

Get Involved

History Club
Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law)
Arts and Science Student Council
Student Government Association (SGA)
Phi Sigma Alpha (Poli Sci Honor Society)
Public Relations Student Society of America

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at:
<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

Job and Internship Websites

- American Political Science Association
<http://www.apsanet.org/>
- Washington Internship Institute
<http://wiidc.org/>
- National Park Service
www.nps.gov
- DC Internships
<http://www.dccinternships.org/>
- Federal Government Employment
<http://www.usajobs.gov>
- Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Internships
<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/>
- U.S. Department of State
<http://www.state.gov/careers/>
- White House Internships
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>
- Library of Congress Internships
<http://www.loc.gov>
<http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cMain.showFellowships>
- USA Jobs
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- Oklahoma State Legislature
<http://www.okhouse.gov/Internship/>
- Carl Albert Public Internship Program
<http://www.ok.gov/> Or
http://www.ok.gov/opm/State_Jobs/Carl_Albert_Public_Internship_Program.html
- Cato Institute
<http://www.cato.org/students>
- Non-Profit Job Boards
<http://nonprofit-jobs.org/>
<http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>
- International Association for Political Science Students
<http://www.iapss.org/>
- Idealist
<http://www.idealists.org>

www.hireosugrads.com

Government:

Many political science graduates obtain jobs working for local, state, or federal government agencies.

Potential Employers

Federal Bureau of Investigation
State Board of Education
Social Security office
Department of Public Aid
Environmental Protection Agency

Law:

Law is a common route for many political science majors. Political science is one of the best undergraduate majors for students who want to go to law school because of its emphasis on conceptual thinking and public affairs.

Potential Employers

Local, State and Federal Courts
Local, State and Federal Government

Business/ Finance:

The study of political science develops an awareness of political, social, and economic trends and attitudes affecting the business community.

Potential Employers

Insurance Agencies
Consulting Firms
Agricultural Businesses
Financial Institutes

International Affairs:

The United Nations, international business, and various international relief and aid groups look for people who understand the problems of our increasing economic and political interdependence with the rest of the world.

Potential Employers

Foreign Civil Service Offices
International Rights Organizations
Local, State, and Federal Government Agencies
Non-Profit Organizations
Economic Development Agencies

Education:

Many graduates choose to further their education by earning a teaching certificate, an MA, or PhD.

Potential Employers

K-12 Schools
Colleges/Universities
Prep Schools
Private Schools
Community Colleges

Communications/ Journalism:

With its emphasis on public affairs, public attitudes and government, political science is one of the best preparations for a career in journalism.

Potential Employers

Radio/Television Stations
Newspapers
Magazine or Book Publisher
Research Firm

Henry Bellmon Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

For more information visit in 213 LSE

Job Titles

Activist, Advocate/Organizer.
Archivist, Online Political Data
Attorney
Banking Analyst or Executive
Campaign Operative
Career Counselor
CIA Analyst or Agent
City Planner
City Housing Administrator
Congressional Office/Committee Staffer
Coordinator of Federal or State Aid
Communications Director
Corporate Analyst
Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
Corporate Economist
Corporate Information Analyst
Corporate Adviser for Governmental Relations
Corporation Legislative Issues Manager
Editor, Online Political Journal
Federal Government Analyst
Foreign Service Officer
High School Government Teacher
Immigration Officer
Information Manager
Intelligence Officer
International Agency Officer
International Research Specialist
Issues Analyst, Corporate Social Policy Div.
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
Research Analyst
State Legislator
Survey Analyst
Teacher
University Professor
Urban Policy Planner
Web Content Editor