



What can I do with a major in *Political Science*?

Overview

- Political science is the social science that deals with the ways human beings organize and govern themselves. We are social beings, and our lives are inextricably connected with those of other people. All of us as individuals, as members of various groups and as parts of larger organizations, communities and nations, must acknowledge and interact with one another. We all share a common humanity.

- The political science program offers students both the opportunity to gain a liberal arts education and prepare for a future career. As a liberal art, political science at St. Norbert College attempts to broaden and enlighten the minds of our students regarding political issues, processes and behavior, serving to free their intellect from ethnocentrism and provide them with the skills and analytical tools to understand the political world around them.

Career Titles

▪ Account Executive	▪ Federal Government	▪ Peace Corps Volunteer
▪ Activist	▪ Financial Analyst/Manager	▪ Penologist
▪ Administrative Assistant	▪ Foreign Service Officer/Specialist	▪ Policy Analyst
▪ Advisor	▪ Fundraiser	▪ Political Consultant
▪ Ambassador	▪ Geographer	▪ Political Director
▪ Anthropologist	▪ Government Intelligence Analyst	▪ Political Reporter
▪ Archivist	▪ Government/Politics Teacher	▪ Political Scientist
▪ Attorney	▪ Health Services Administrator	▪ Politician
▪ Banker/Financer	▪ Historian	▪ Pollster
▪ Biographer	▪ Hospital Administrator	▪ Preservationist
▪ Broadcast/Newspaper Reporter	▪ Human Resources	▪ Press Officer
▪ Budget Analyst	▪ Information Manager	▪ Program Analyst
▪ Bureau Chief	▪ Information Technology Manager	▪ Program Director
▪ Campaign Manager/Consultant	▪ Insurance Claims/Examiner	▪ Program Manager
▪ Case Worker	▪ Intelligence Specialist	▪ Public Affairs Research Analyst
▪ Chamber of Commerce Manager	▪ International Correspondent	▪ Public Affairs Specialist
▪ Chief of Staff	▪ International Organization Official	▪ Public Interest/Consumer Advocate
▪ CIA Inspector	▪ International Research Specialist	▪ Public Opinion Researcher
▪ City Clerk	▪ International Trade Consultant	▪ Public Policy Analyst
▪ City Housing Administrator	▪ Investment Officer	▪ Public Relations Specialist
▪ City Manager	▪ Issue Analyst	▪ Quality Improvement Advisor
▪ City Planner	▪ Journalism	▪ Radio/TV Announcer
▪ City Project Coordinator	▪ Judge	▪ Real Estate Agent/Broker
▪ Civilian Consultant	▪ Juvenile Justice Specialist	▪ Reporter
▪ Clergy	▪ Labor Relations Specialist	▪ Research Analyst
▪ College Professor	▪ Labor Union Official	▪ Research Consultant
▪ Commentator	▪ Law Enforcement	▪ Researcher
▪ Commissioner	▪ Law Professor	▪ Sales Manager
▪ Compliance Officer	▪ Lawyer	▪ Security Officer
▪ Congressional Assistant	▪ Legislative Coordinator	▪ Social Services Administrator
▪ Consultant to Multinational Corporations	▪ Librarian	▪ Speech Writer
▪ Consumer Advocate	▪ Litigation Analyst	▪ Staff Aide

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▪ Corporate Legal Counsel	▪ Lobbyist	▪ State Legislator
▪ County Council Member	▪ Management Auditor	▪ State Personnel Officer
▪ County Treasurer	▪ Market Research Analyst	▪ Strategic Planning Specialist
▪ Criminologist	▪ Mayor	▪ Student Affairs Administrator
▪ Curator	▪ Media Analyst	▪ Survey Researcher
▪ Curriculum Developer/Supervisor	▪ Mediator	▪ Tax Inspector
▪ Customs Worker	▪ Military Officer	▪ Teacher
▪ Demographer	▪ Newspaper Writer/Journalist	▪ Television Reporter
▪ Deputy Secretary to the Governor	▪ Paralegal	▪ Tour Guide
▪ Deputy Undersecretary	▪ Paratransit Analyst	▪ Translator
▪ Diplomat	▪ Parole Officer	▪ Urban/Regional Planner
▪ Diplomatic Aide	▪ Pastor	▪ Writer/Editor
▪ FBI Agent		

Employers

▪ Advertising Agencies	▪ F.B.I.	▪ Museums
▪ Analysis Companies	▪ Foreign Service	▪ Newspapers
▪ Archives	▪ Government Agencies	▪ Peace Corps
▪ Banks/Financial Institutions	▪ Health Care Agencies	▪ Political Interest Groups
▪ C.I.A.	▪ Historical Societies	▪ Political Parties
▪ Campaign Management Firms	▪ Hospitals	▪ Polling Organizations
▪ Chambers of Commerce	▪ Immigration Services	▪ Professional Journals
▪ City Hall	▪ Import/Export Firms	▪ Public Relations Firms
▪ Collection Agencies	▪ Insurance Companies	▪ Public/International Affairs Offices
▪ Colleges/Universities	▪ International Organizations	▪ Publishing Firms
▪ Congress	▪ Labor Unions	▪ Radio/TV/Film
▪ Consulting Firms	▪ Law Firms	▪ Research Organizations
▪ Corporations	▪ Libraries	▪ School Boards
▪ Correctional Institutions	▪ Lobbying Groups	▪ School Districts
▪ Court System	▪ Local, State, Federal Government	▪ Social Service Agencies
▪ Defense Department	▪ Magazines/Newspapers	▪ Special Interest Groups
▪ Economic Development Organizations	▪ Market Research Firms	▪ State Legislature
▪ Educational Institutions	▪ Media Firms	▪ Travel Agencies
▪ Embassies	▪ Military	▪ Workforce Department Agencies
▪ Environmental Protection Agencies		

Skills

▪ Ability to relate and communicate to people of different backgrounds	▪ Flexibility	▪ Public speaking
▪ Able to develop and market ideas	▪ Goal setting	▪ Responsible
▪ Achievement/prestige oriented	▪ Interact with diverse populations	▪ Sensitivity to social differences and needs
▪ Analytical thinking	▪ Leadership abilities	▪ Statistical analysis
▪ Computer literate	▪ Oral and written communication	▪ Team work

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- Conduct research and analyze and explain results
- Decision-making
- Desire to make a social contribution
- Diplomacy and integrity
- Organizational skills
- Persuasive/ability to influence others
- Pragmatic
- Problem-solving
- Time management
- Understanding of community needs
- Willingness to deal with society's real problems
- Work well under pressure

Salary

NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Summer 2008 Salary Survey Average Offers:

- Political Science Bachelor's Degree: \$38,179

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2007.

Graduate Information: Job Titles

- 2nd Lieutenant - Military Intelligence
- Adjunct Faculty Member
- Community Service Officer
- Divisional Administrator
- Financial Planner
- GED Coordinator
- Inside Sales Representative
- Insurance Sales
- Judgment Analyst
- Loan Officer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Paralegal
- Press Assistant
- Staff Assistant
- Teacher
- VISTA Volunteer

Graduate Information: Employers

- AmeriCorps
- AmeriPrise
- Archdiocese of Chicago
- Daily Chronicle Newspaper
- Gray and Associates
- JP Morgan Chase
- Kohl's Corporate
- National Republican Congress
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Northwestern Mutual Financial
- Northwestern University Police
- Republican National Committee
- State of Wisconsin
- U.S. Army
- U.S. House of Representatives



Career Library Resources

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| ▪ ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools-2004 Edition | ▪ Guide to Homeland Security Careers |
| ▪ 55 Successful Harvard Law School Application Essays | ▪ Law School Admission Reference Manual 2005-2006 |
| ▪ Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism | ▪ Law School Essays That Made a Difference |
| ▪ Careers in Government | ▪ Should You Really Be a Lawyer? The Guide to Smart Career Choices Before, During, & After Law School |
| ▪ Cracking the LSAT with DVD, 2008 | ▪ Ten Steps to a Federal Job- Navigating the Federal Job System |
| ▪ Game Plan for Getting into Law School | ▪ The Book of U.S. Government Jobs-Where They Are, What's Available, and How to Get One |
| ▪ Great Jobs for Political Science Majors | ▪ The Student's Federal Career Guide- 10 Steps to Find and Win Top Government Jobs and Internships |
| ▪ Great Personal Statements for Law School | ▪ Washington Information Directory 2003-2004 Congressional Quarterly |
| ▪ Guide to America's Federal Jobs-A Complete Directory of U.S. Government Career Opportunities | ▪ What Can you do with a Law Degree? A Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside, & Around the Law |

For the most current information about Majoring in Political Science from Career Services, including links regarding Alumni Profiles, Career Information, Professional Associations, and Jobs and Internships, please visit:

<http://www.snc.edu/career/students/majors/politicalscience.html>