

# What can I do with a bachelor's degree in...

# POLITICAL SCIENCE?

## ➤ WHAT IS POLITICAL SCIENCE?

Political Science is a social science concerned with the description and analysis of political institutions and processes. Increasingly, the emphasis is being placed on how governments deal with specific policy problems, such as war and peace, poverty, crime, education, energy, pollution, or inter-group relations, and on the factors that affect these problems. The study of political science provides students with the concepts, theories, and methods necessary to analyze these policy problems scientifically.

## ➤ POSSIBLE INDUSTRIES

Political Science majors go on to work in a variety of industries, including:

- Politics
- Law
- International Affairs
- Education
- Local, State, and Federal Government
- Business
- Nonprofit
- Media

## ➤ COMMON JOB TYPES

- **Legislative Aide** - Draft and edit legislation, also help to create legislation, speeches, or letters to introduce to committees or other legislators.
- **Operations Research Analyst** - Formulate and apply mathematical methods to develop and interpret information that assists management with decision and policy making. Collect and analyze information to determine optimal time, cost, or logistics for program evaluation, review, or implementation.
- **Paralegal** - Assist lawyers by investigating information in regards to various cases, prepare legal documents, and research legal precedent. May also conduct research to support a legal proceeding, strengthen a defense, or to initiate legal action.
- **Economic Analyst** - Address economic problems by preparing reports, formulating plans, and/or conducting research related to monetary and fiscal policy or the distribution of goods and services.
- **News Producer** - Coordinate various aspects of a news studio like production, script selection, writing, directing, and editing.

**For more information on these job types, visit [my.nextmove.org](https://my.nextmove.org) or [my.majors.com](https://my.majors.com).**



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## ➤ **ALUMNI JOB TITLES**

Every year, Career Services surveys recent alumni to find out what they are doing post-graduation. The full results of the Destination Survey can be found on the Career Services Network website. The following are selected job titles of recent Political Science alumni:

- Fundraising Intern
- Grassroots Policy Advisor
- Law Clerk
- Legislative Aid
- Paralegal
- Research Analyst
- Strategic Support Specialist
- City Council Member
- Economic Analyst
- Field Organizer
- Risk Management Analyst
- Student Enrichment Liaison
- Financial Planner
- Freelance Writer and Blogger

## ➤ **GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The following is a list of selected graduate school program names that recent Political Science alumni have enrolled in based on results of the Destination Survey:

### **Master's**

- Global, Crime, Justice, & Security
- Human Resources Management
- Interdisciplinary Gender Studies
- International Affairs
- Legal Studies
- Library & Information Studies
- Management Studies
- Pop Culture Studies
- Public Administration
- Public Relations & Advertising

### **PhD**

- Government & Politics

### **Professional**

- Law
- Business Administration
- Medicine
- Social Work

## ➤ **ADDITIONAL CAREER RESOURCES**

- [USAJobs](#)
- [State of Michigan Jobs](#)
- [Michigan Nonprofit Jobs & Internships](#)
- [Michigan Democrats](#)
- [Michigan Republicans](#)
- [Opportunities in Public Affairs](#)
- [MI House of Representatives](#)
- [MI Senate](#)
- [Michigan Courts Jobs](#)
- [U.S. Courts Jobs](#)
- [Paralegal Association Jobs](#)
- [Americorps](#)

