

What you can do with your **POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**



Political Science Major Skills:



Written & Oral Communication

You learn to effectively communicate ideas and information verbally, visually and in writing.



Qualitative & Quantitative Data Analysis

You recognize challenges to research design, code and analyze qualitative and quantitative data, utilizing appropriate tools and software, interpret results of data gathering, identify ethical issues, present and visualize data.



Global & Multi-Cultural Competence

You understand and evaluate national and international political contexts and discourses that influence societies, institutions, and individuals and human motivation.



Analytical Thinking

You analyze forms and practices of government; relations among individuals, civil society, political institutions, and governments; motivations and consequences of political decisions and activities.



Critical Thinking

You define and analyze problems, considering a range of alternative points of view and evidence; you identify factors that contribute to outcomes and make connections.



Teamwork

You build collaborative relationships with peers representing diverse cultures, races, genders, religions, lifestyles, and viewpoints; and work within a team structure and negotiate and manage conflict

Supplement Your Skills With:



Career, Mentorship & Self Development



Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion



Leadership & Teamwork



Research, Internships & Part-Time Work

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Political Science major into success.

Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your Political Science major to **WORK**

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:

1. Attorney/Lawyer/Counsel
2. Partner/Principal
3. President/Vice President
4. K-12 Principal
5. Consultant
6. Executive Director
7. Business Founder/Owner
8. Project Manager
9. Account Executive
10. Teacher
11. Product Manager
12. Chief Executive Officer
13. Director of Operations



Top Employers of Alumni:

Top 10:

1. Epic
2. State of Wisconsin
3. American Family Insurance
4. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
5. Foley & Lardner LLP
6. Wells Fargo
7. U.S. House of Representatives
8. Wisconsin State Assembly
9. Thomson Reuters
10. U.S. Bank

Additional Employers:

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Accenture
- Northwestern Mutual
- Allstate
- Amazon
- Google
- Target
- Ameriprise Financial Services
- Baird
- Wisconsin State Senate

Recent Grads' Career Plans:

- 70%** Employment
- 25%** Continuing Education or Grad School
- 5%** Volunteering or Service Programs

Industry of Employment:

1. Government
2. Finance
3. Information Tech
4. Education
5. Healthcare
6. Legal
7. Media
8. Hospitality
9. Consulting
10. Marketing

Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 30%** Wisconsin →
- 14%** Illinois →
- 8%** New York →
- 7%** District of Columbia →
- 6%** California →
- 35%** Other →



"In many companies, no one else truly knows how governments work, and how politics drives decision-making processes that affect business. Understanding and being able to explain and persuade people who do not understand the realm of government and politics is an underrated skill, and one that a Poli Sci grad often is uniquely equipped to do."

Kevin M. Allexon, 1995

Senior Manager of Government Relations, Ocean Conservancy
Washington, DC



"I started my career in politics and campaigns, and then shifted to investing in and helping launch and scale brands, like Warby Parker, Harry's and Glossier. It turns out that developing positioning and scaling storytelling are the same whether you're working for a politician or cause, or selling products."

Jesse Derris, 2002

Founder & CEO, Derris
New York, NY

Career Communities for Political Science Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Political Science majors can start.

- Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law
- Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations
- Technology, Data & Analytics
- Non-Profit Management & Education

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

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