



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Overview

The study of Political Science examines power and authority at formal and informal levels – global/international, regional, national, and local. The academic discipline examines the material and non-material (historical, social, ideological, and ideational) forces that shape global/international, regional, national, and local politics. Political Science graduates enter such professional fields as public service, the legal profession, business administration, political organizations, and teaching.

“I feel I was well prepared at UWinnipeg, and my education was genuinely applicable to my career. I had the great fortune to have well-versed and intellectually rigorous professors who were accessible and knew me by name.”

- Laura Lumsden, BA (Honours) Political Science, Foreign Service Officer, posted to the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C. .

Job Titles

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politician (NOC 0011) • Teacher (NOC 4032) • University Professor/Academic (NOC 4011) • Lawyer (NOC 4112) • Advocate (NOC 4152) • Political Columnist (NOC 5123) • Journalist (NOC 5123) • Research Analyst • Member of Canada’s Diplomatic and Foreign Services • Government Worker (NOC 4168) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Planner (NOC 2153) • Non-Government Organization Worker (NOC 4169) • Police Officer (NOC 0431) • Community Activist (NOC 4164) • Constituency Officer Worker (NOC 1222) • Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations (NOC 1123) • Financial Officer (NOC 1311) • Social Policy Researcher, Consultant and Program Officer (NOC 4164) ^{1,2} |
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1 The University of Winnipeg. “Career Opportunities for Political Science Students”. 1 April 2020, <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/political-science/career-opp.html>

2 Government of Canada. “Political Science and Government, General (45.1001), Bachelor’s degree”. Job Bank, 31 March 2020, <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/studentdashboard/45.1001/LOS05>

Work Settings

- Constituency office
- School
- Government office
- Private law practice
- Non-profit organization
- Newspaper office
- Magazine office
- Parliament

Skills and Characteristics

- Knowledge of the political system
- Critical thinking
- Professionalism
- Oral and written communication skills
- Persuasion skills
- Debate skills
- Research skills
- Conflict resolution skills
- Leadership skills

Professional Associations and Other Links

- University of Winnipeg Politics Students Society <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/political-science/psss.html>
- Canadian Political Science Association <https://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/>
- International Political Science Association <https://www.ipsa.org/profile/canadian-political-science-association>
- Prairie Political Science Association <https://www.prairiepsa.com/>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Political Science program, visit the [Department of Political Science website](#) and the [Political Science Fact Sheet](#).

Students are encouraged to [schedule an appointment with an Academic and Career Advisor](#) for assistance with career planning.
