

What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences

Political science is the study of public power: its mobilization, exercise and transformation by governments, political parties, interest groups, and mass behavior. Political scientists examine the causes and effects of political power and institutions in decision-making and governance at various levels, from the local to the global. The discipline is organized into four fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. Ohio State's Department of Political Science offers a rich array of courses in all four fields, plus training in political analysis.¹

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Management and Industry

Business Executive
Business Analyst
Consultant
Advertising
Public Relations Specialist
Journalist
Data Analyst
Market Researcher

Health Professions

Doctor
Disaster Relief Specialist
Health Care Advocate

Government/Politics

(Foreign) Policy Analyst
Lobbyist
Mediator
Intelligence Officer
Foreign Service Officer
Central Intelligence Agency
National Security Agency
Federal Bureau of Investigation
State Department
Congressional Research
Service
Homeland Security
Lawyer
Judge

Elected Official

Campaign Management
Community Organizer

Education/Graduate School

Professor
Researcher
Librarian
Teacher
See *Graduate School* Sheet

Non-Profit/Advocacy

Peace Corps
Fulbright Scholar
Program Officer
Researcher

**Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

Transferable Skills:

Quantitative Reasoning
Data Analysis
Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Research Skills
Strategic Planning
Creating Innovative Solutions

Teamwork
Leadership
Willingness to Take Risks
Written & Oral Communication
Persuasion
Adaptability/Flexibility
Using Technology Effectively

Attention to Detail
Organization Skills
Judgment & Decision Making
Implementing Decisions
Administrative Skills
Mediating Conflict

**This is not a comprehensive list of transferable skills. See a larger list of skills that you might develop here:
<http://ccss.osu.edu>*

Professional Links:

The United Nations Association, Columbus Chapter: <http://www.unacol.org/>

Council on World Affairs: <http://columbusworldaffairs.org/>

Political Science Internship Website: <http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/internships>

Political Science Job Website: <http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/prospective-students/careers-political-science>