

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL STUDIES?

Facts about a political studies degree:

- Political studies is a diverse field and students can choose from a number of subdivisions at the University of Manitoba including:

*Political theory

*Canadian politics

*International Relations

*Comparative Politics and Area Studies

*Public Administration

- Many exciting occupations are open to a Political Studies graduate, though it should be stated that further training is often required.
- Students are advised to strategically plan their career paths. Consider acquiring relevant experience through summer/part-time jobs, volunteer opportunities, memberships and internships.
- Additional language acquisition may improve employability.

SKILLS POSSESSED BY POLITICAL STUDIES GRADUATES:

Many employers are interested in the skills which political studies majors tend to possess. These include:

- The ability to express ideas orally and in writing
- Research and analytical skills
- The ability to synthesis complex issues
- Ability to define and understand political problems and systems according to concepts of political theory
- A greater awareness of the political process and, perhaps, a greater sense of personal involvement and more willingness to accept the responsibilities of democratic citizenship

SAMPLE JOB TITLES FOR POLITICAL STUDIES GRADUATES

(some may require education, training or experience beyond the bachelor's degree)

Legislative Assistant/
MP's Assistant
Political Aide
Foreign Service Officer
Pollster
Immigration Officer
Citizenship Officer
Refugee Assistance Program
Officer
Fundraiser - Development
Organization
Public Policy Officer/Analyst
Grant Writer
Human Rights Worker
Student Recruitment Officer
Citizen Services Officer
Information/Communications
Officer
Criminal Intelligence Analyst
Intelligence Analyst
Foreign Language Intelligence
Analyst
Cultural Affairs Officer
Campaign Organizer

Business Analyst
Government Relations Officer
Intelligence Officer
Risk Management Analyst
Threat Management Analyst
NGO Program Associate/Project
Manager
Community/Regional Development
Officer
Chief Returning Officer/Returning
Officer (Elections)
Municipal Administrator

A political studies graduate may use his/her degree as the foundation for other occupations including*:

Journalist	Teacher
Urban/Regional Planner	Marketing Analyst
Lawyer	Financial Analyst
Professor	Political Lobbyist
Librarian	

*Check for specific program prerequisites

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: (this list is not exhaustive)

Trade Unions	Educational Institutions
Federal Government (including CSIS, CIDA, Communications Security Establishment Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada)	Consulting Firms
Provincial and Municipal Governments	Lobby Groups
Non-governmental Organizations	Market Research Firms/Pollsters
Non-Profit Organizations	Policy Institutes/Think Tanks
Political Parties	Private Sector Companies
	Student Unions

Want More Information? Check these websites!

Check our website at: www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices
- Click on “**Job Postings and Volunteer Opportunities**” and register as a **Student** to view current job postings

University of Manitoba - Department of Political Studies
umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/political_studies/index.html

National Occupational Classification
www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

Political Scientist Occupational Profile
www.umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/spotlights/polisci.html

University of Calgary
www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/careerdevelopment/careerpossibilities/polisci

Political Jobs in Ottawa: Legislative Assistants to Members of Parliament
www.cpsa-acsp.ca/pdfs/LegislativeAssistantsCareerGuide.pdf

UTM Career Centre - U. Toronto Mississauga—Careers By Major: Political Science
www.utm.utoronto.ca/career/cbm/political_science.html

University of Toronto— What could I do with a degree in political science?
www.careers.utoronto.ca/libresource/_PoliticalScience.pdf

For more information on occupational, educational and employment options, please drop by Career Services, 474 University Centre, 474-9456.