What can I do with a Major in Political Science?

Skills Developed

- Compare & Contrast Ideas & Information
- Conceptualize & Implement Projects
- Develop Research Designs & Models
- Influence & Persuade
- Listen Critically
- Make Projections
- Mediate & Negotiate Conflicts
- Meet Deadlines
- Organizational
- Present Ideas & Data Clearly
- Programming & Systems Analysis
- Provide Relevant Perspectives
- Public Speaking
- Research
- Synthesize Complex Information & Ideas
- Utilize Survey Research Methods

Work Environments

Graduates may continue their studies with a Master’s or Ph.D., or use their undergraduate degree as a stepping stone to enter a professional discipline such as law. Political Science graduates may find employment in/with communications companies, consulting firms, academic or research institutions, governmental organizations, international development companies, non-governmental or non-profit organizations, or multimedia companies. Graduates may also find employment with law firms, political parties and public service organizations.
**Key Areas of Specialization:**
Federalism & Canadian Intergovernmental Relations, Political Parties & Elections, Digital Politics & Democratic Citizenship, Comparative Political Regimes, European Regional Integration, Political Development & Democratization, Comparative Political Economies, Judicial Decision Making, Political Parties & Voting Behaviour, Provincial Politics, Philosophy of Law, Friendship & Politics, Liberal Education & Citizenship, North American Integration & Public Policy, Structural Policy Change, Religion & Politics

### Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

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<td>Policy &amp; Service Development Specialist</td>
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**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

### Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

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• Politician
• Population Studies Analyst
• Press Officer
• Print Journalist
• Public Administrator
• Public Affairs Adviser/Consultant
• Public Opinion Analyst
• Public Policy Analyst

• Public Relations Consultant/Specialist
• Public Speaking Consultant
• Public Works Commissioner
• Researcher
• Social Policy Program Officer

• Social Services Administrator
• Speech Writer
• Survey Poll Analyst
• Teacher
• Technical Writer
• Television & Radio Journalist
• University Professor
• Voting Researcher

Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

• Author
• Business Administrator
• Career Development Counsellor
• Communications Officer
• Corrections Officer
• Editor
• Event Coordinator
• Executive Assistant
• Financial Planner

• Financial/Business Consultant
• Financial/Economic Analyst
• Health & Social Policy Researcher
• Historical Researcher
• Insurance Licensing Supervisor
• Lawyer

• Media Correspondent
• Paralegal
• Police Officer
• Prosecuting Attorney
• Publisher
• Purchasing Agent/Buyer
• Real Estate Agent
• Regional/International Development Agent
• Retail Manager

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Political Science and its career opportunities.

Prairie Political Science Association
http://prairiepsa.com

Association of Canadian Compliance Professionals
http://www.complianceprofessionals.ca

Canadian Political Science Association
http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/

The Council of Canadians
http://www.canadians.org

Canadian Political Science Students’ Association
http://www.cpssa.ca

Canadian Council on Social Development
http://www.ccsd.ca

Canadian Association of Political Consultants
http://www.thecapc.ca

The Canadian Bar Association
http://www.cba.org

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
https://www.policyalternatives.ca

American Political Science Association
http://www.apsanet.org

Canadian Policy Research Networks
http://cprn.org/index.cfm

American Association of Political Consultants
http://www.theaapc.org
American Legislative Exchange Council  
http://www.alec.org

Ethics & Compliance Officer Association  
http://www.theecoa.org/

American Bar Association  
http://www.americanbar.org/

International Political Science Association  
http://www.ipsa.org

Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students  
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs  
http://www.ulsu.ca/

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board  
CES Job board

Arts & Science Applied Studies  
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship  
http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop

Management Co-op Education  
http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op

Study Abroad & Exchanges  
http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges  
http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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