

Political Science

How can I succeed with this major?



RIDER
UNIVERSITY

GOVERNMENT

What can I do with this major?

- Public Policy
- Research
- Regional Planning
- City or Town Management
- Intelligence
- Foreign Service

Where do I want to work?

- Federal, State, and Local Government

How to get there...

- Complete an internship in government or related area.
- Serve in model United Nations.
- Become involved in student government.
- Participate in cross-cultural groups and organizations.
- Write for campus publications focused on national and international affairs.

LAW

Where do I want to work?

- Law firms
- Corporations
- Federal, state, and local government
- Private practice
- Special interest groups
- Universities

How to get there...

- Develop excellent research, writing, analysis, and communication skills.
- Plan to attend law school and earn a law degree.
- Obtain specialized certification for paralegal positions.

Tips: FYI

- An undergraduate degree in political science is good preparation for graduate or professional study in areas such as psychology, law, or business.
- Research the pre-requisites of the area of interest and tailor program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.
- Become familiar with the government application process for opportunities in federal, state, or local government.

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POLITICS

What can I do with this major?

- Elected or Appointed Leadership
- Campaign Management
- Staff Administration
- Special Interest Advocacy

Where do I want to work?

- Legislative, executive, or judicial officials
- National, state, or local government
- Political action committees
- Special interest groups

How to get there...

- Volunteer for national or local campaigns.
- Gain experience through internships in government.
- Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations.
- Seek leadership roles on the regional or national level.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

What can I do with this major?

- Social Services
- Judiciary & Law
- Law Enforcement

Where do I want to work?

- Local, state, and federal courts
- City, state, federal government organizations
- State and federal correction facilities
- County jails

How to get there...

- Obtain related training or certifications such as CPR, first aid, or EMT.
- Complete a formal police academy program upon graduation.
- Volunteer to work in a police department or campus safety department.
- Consider learning a second language.

Advice from professors

Current and required skills of students seeking employment in political science related fields:

- Successfully complete all B.A. degree requirements.
- Experience in writing analytical papers and conducting thorough research projects.
- Strong presentation, quantitative, and computing skills.
- Internship experience (ideally multiple and progressive experience at various levels of the public sector throughout college career).
- Work in collaborative settings with peers and mentors.

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