**Classrooms to Careers in Political Science**

**Are you interested in**:

* solving problems;
* making and debating arguments;
* challenging assumptions;
* reading;
* writing;

As a **political science** major, you will develop an awareness of the modern world in its many historical and political dimensions. You’ll learn to view other people and cultures objectively as you develop your writing, research and critical thinking skills. You may also choose to major in political science with a concentration in law and justice, gaining an understanding of current legal issues and receiving preparation for postgraduate study in law. Meredith’s location in the state capital provides a wealth of resources for internships, volunteer work, class speakers and part-time jobs that will enrich your learning experience. Many political science majors also choose to pursue teacher licensure in social studies.

**Types of jobs:**

teaching;

law;

local, state, or federal government;

lobbyist

political consultant

libraries & archives;

the foreign service;

paralegal professions;

journalism;

business

**Or attend graduate school for:**

college & university teaching;

law;

public administration;

government service

**Options for the major**

* BA in Political Science
* Double major or minor in any additional related area of interest
* Teaching licensure for Elementary, Middle, or High School Teaching
* Undergraduate Research,
* Student Teaching,
* History & Politics Club,
* Internships, recent placements have included:
  + American Red Cross Triangle Area Chapter
  + District and Washington offices of congressional representatives
  + Juvenile Literacy Center

**Professional Associations –**

National Council on Public History; [www.npch.org](http://www.npch.org)

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, www.apsanet.org/~psa

American Political Science Association, [www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)

Southern Political Science Association, www.spsa.net

**Career Outlook – Political Science majors routinely enter a wide range of occupations. Some of those most closely aligned with the field of political science are:**

**Political Scientists** [**http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/political-scientists.htm**](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/political-scientists.htm)

**Lawyers** [**http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Legal/Lawyers.htm**](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Legal/Lawyers.htm)

**Teachers**

**High School** [**http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm**](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm)

**Middle School** [**http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm**](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm)

**Optional Information –**