What can I do with my studies in...

**Political Science**

**Areas of Interest**

Graduates of Political Science have worked in many different fields. Below is a sample of areas you may be interested in; however this list is not exhaustive.

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**Career Possibilities**

In the sample below you will find career options other students have followed. There are many possibilities and this list is not all encompassing. Please note that some careers may require additional education or training.

- Campaign Organizer
- Civil Litigator
- Communications Officer
- Community Relations Officer
- Consumer Advocate
- Economic Development Officer
- Health & Social Policy Researcher
- Human Rights Officer
- Immigration & Revenue Officer
- Industry Affairs Analyst
- International Affairs Specialist
- Journalist
- Labour Relations Specialist
- Legislative Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Ministerial Assistant
- Parliamentary Aid
- Policy Advisor
- Political Advisor
- Political Commentator
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Public Policy Analyst
- Resource Development Manager
- Social Policy Program Officer
- Student Services Manager
- Survey Poll Analyst
- Trade Development Advisor

**Skills Developed**

In Political Science you develop a wide variety of skills including the ability to:

- Present ideas and data clearly and effectively while developing persuasive arguments supported by evidence and facts
- Organize, compare, contrast and make observations followed by the aptitude to make decisions, implement projects and solve problems
- Mediate and negotiate conflicts by appreciating differing perspectives, understanding complex problems, listening critically and using multidisciplinary knowledge
- Analyze various social, cultural, political and economic issues while using research skills including the ability to utilize survey research methods to communicate ideas clearly and concisely through strong oral and written means
- Work with individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences to evaluate and solve problems in a timely manner followed by the design, implementation and evaluation of results
- Work successfully as an integrated team member or take on a leadership role when the situation arises
ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Federation for the Humanities & Social Sciences  www.fedcan.ca
Canadian International Council  www.canadianinternationalcouncil.org/
Canadian International Development Agency  www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index-e.htm
Canadian Policy Research Networks  www.cprn.org
Canadian Political Science Association  www.cpsa-acsp.ca
UWO Political Science Association  www.usc.uwo.ca/clubs/polisci/default.html
American Political Science Association  www.apsanet.org
International Association for Political Science Students  www.iapss.org
International Political Science Association  www.ipssa.ca
UWO Student Organizations  www.usc.uwo.ca/westernclubs/clublist/#all

OPPORTUNITIES

UWO Career Central  careercentral.uwo.ca/
Canadian International Development Agency  www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/internships
Go Abroad  www.goabroad.com
International Experience Canada  www.international.gc.ca/iyp-pij/
Ontario Internship Program  www.internship.gov.on.ca
Ontario Legislature Internship Program  www.olip.ontla.on.ca
Parliamentary Internship Program  www.pip-psp.org
Provincial Government Jobs  www.gojobs.gov.on.ca
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council  www.sshrc.ca/
Youth Canada  www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml

CAREER SERVICES & RESOURCES (Free for UWO Students)

Social Science Career Services  www.ssc.uwo.ca/careers
The Student Success Centre  www.career.uwo.ca
UWO Political Science Department  politicalscience.uwo.ca/
Career Central  careercruising.com
Interview Stream  uwo.interviewstream.com/
The Big Guide to Living & Working Overseas  www.workingoverseas.com/uwo

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