Major: Political Science

O*net Outlook link to Career Titles
Political Scientists
Political Science Teachers, Postsecondary
Reporters and Correspondents
Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary
History Teachers, Postsecondary
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other
Public Relations Specialists
Geographers
Sociologists
Special Forces Officers

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities learned with this degree

Knowledge:
Law
Government
English Language
Public Policy

Skills:
Complex Problem Solving
Able to Develop and Market Ideas
Work Well under Pressure
Research Skills
Interact with Diverse populations

Abilities:
Oral & Written Communication,
Comprehension and Expression
Deductive Reasoning
Inductive Reasoning
Near Vision
Speech Clarity
Problem Sensitivity
Speech Recognition

Examples of Employers Recruiting UNT Political Science Majors
Human Rights Initiative
Multi-Ethnic Education and Economic Development Center
The Institute for Policy Innovation
Trinity Valley Community College
Annie’s List (Advocacy Organization)
Texas Campaign for the Environment

Examples of possible Careers with a Bachelor Degree:
(Some may require additional education or experience)
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<td>Budget Examiner or Analyst</td>
<td>Editor, Online Political Journal</td>
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<td>Issues Analyst, Corporate Social Policy Div.</td>
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**Links:**

Job Search Websites:
- American Political Science Association
- Careers In Government:
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Federal Jobs
- Riley Guide
- Association for Public Policy and Management

Associations & Other Resources:
- Association for Public Policy and Management
- American Political Science Association
- Society for Political Methodology
- Southern Political Science Association
- International Political Economy Network
- American Society for Public Administration
- Texas Ethics Commission - Lobby List

Conference/Continuing Education Opportunities:
- New Politics Forum

**Majoring in Political Science:**

As a political science major, you may choose courses in American politics, foreign governments, international relations, political theory, public policy and public law. You will take one required course to learn how to use computers and conduct statistical analyses. Several elective courses will help you learn advanced research techniques, making yourself more competitive in the job market.
If you wish to enter law school, you will want to take public law courses and other courses that emphasize written and oral communication, research into problems facing society, logical reasoning and business practices. These courses will prepare you for the Law School Admission Test.

Becoming involved in organizations such as Amnesty International, the North Texas College Republicans, the North Texas Democrats, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance or other politically affiliated groups will enhance your learning experience. You also may be eligible for Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, or Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law honors fraternity.

UNT’s political science faculty members are excellent teachers as well as outstanding researchers. One has received the university’s highest faculty rank, Regents Professor, for excellence in research and teaching. Regents Professors devote half of their teaching time to introductory-level courses. One faculty member has received UNT’s ‘Fessor Graham Award for outstanding and unselfish service to students, and six have either been named “Top Profs” by Mortar Board (a senior honor society) or received university awards for teaching excellence. Most recently, we received one of the state’s highest honors when our former chair received the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Award, given only to a select few professors in Texas.

The department is also among the nation’s most active in conducting political science research. Faculty members have received numerous university and national grants to study issues ranging from the presidential use of force, public opinion, political parties and campaigning, legislative behavior, democracy and elections in foreign countries, and international human rights. Several faculty members are considered national experts on their topics, and most members have written books and articles that can be found in top-ranked publications.

The department is committed to meeting the needs of a changing society. To that end, we have established peace studies and international studies programs. These are the department’s fastest-growing programs. The Johnie Christian Family Professorship of Peace Studies provides funding for peace studies and for one senior faculty member to conduct research, as well as funds for student internships. The international studies program is an interdisciplinary major, and it prepares students for careers in international economics and politics, international development and regional studies such as those of Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, East Asia, Latin America and Africa.

In addition to scholarships offered by the university, the department offers two Pender Scholarships of $1,000 each to outstanding new students who declare their intention to major in political science. See the department’s undergraduate adviser for more information. Based on their academic background and faculty nomination, juniors and seniors are also eligible for university awards for their outstanding performances.

**Career Potential:**

A bachelor’s degree with a major in political science prepares you for careers in government service, politics and private industry within the United States and abroad. You may become a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.; work in a citizens’ advocacy group; manage a non-profit association; or enter the foreign service, the State Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Because the program also trains students to be analytical and to become problem solvers, many alumni fill management positions in private businesses or own companies.

This degree also prepares you for graduate work or law school. More than 450 attorneys in the Dallas-Fort Worth region are UNT graduates, many with political science degrees. Our political science alumni include two former assistant attorneys general of Texas, federal and state judges, and state, county and local legislators. For its success, the political science department has received national recognition and student awards from the American Political Science Association, the discipline’s professional association.

UNT’s [Career Center](#) can help you prepare to pursue your career. The center has information about jobs and employers. The staff can help you with resume and letter writing, job search strategies and interview preparation.