



Career Options after Political Science and Public Law Minor

the study of political issues, conflict, and power

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/polisci

Specialist, Major, Minor

What is Political Science?

Political Science is a Social Science that examines enduring issues of power and authority, citizenship and governance, justice and legitimacy, and patterns of conflict and co-operation that arise around these issues from ancient to modern times.

Political Science at UTSC is divided into the following areas of focus: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics (Developing and Developed Countries), International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Policy. The department now also offers a minor in public law.

Skills of Political Science Grads

- Think clearly and critically
- Design and execute research project
- Write clearly
- Understand the context, institutions and processes of policy-making and implementation
- Understand concepts and criteria for policy evaluation
- Understand the context, institutions and processes of legal decision-making (public law minor)
- Influence and persuade diverse groups
- Present ideas and data clearly
- Research and develop persuasive arguments using facts
- Conceptualize and implement projects
- Synthesize themes from complex issues
- Understand and explain political theories and systems
- Understand and explain legal theories and systems (public law minor)
- Contribute intelligently to political affairs

Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads

Common employment destinations include:

- Policy Analyst/Advisor in Government
- Program Coordinator in Non-Profits
- Research Analyst in Think Tanks
- Legislative Aide/Assistant in Government
- Media Relations Specialist in NGOs
- Service Representative in Social and Community Services

The Career Directory: www.canadastop100.com/tcd

Graduate & Professional Studies

Popular further education opportunities include:

- Political Science – Master of Arts
- Policy (many varieties) – Master
- Public Administration/Service – Master or Post-Graduate Certificate
- Business Administration – Master
- Law – JD (Juris Doctor)
- Paralegal – Diploma
- Communications or Marketing – Post-Graduate Certificate
- Public Relations – Post-Grad Certificate
- Community Service Management – Post-Graduate Certificate

Use LinkedIn!

UTSC Political Science graduates are working in Education, Government and Business.

Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the *Find Alumni* tool for networking!

Political Science Grads from UTSC have gone on to:

- Non-Profit (Senior Project Coordinator)
- Education (Community Engagement Manager)



Examples of Fields that 'Fit' the Skills of Political Science Grads

- Legal Services
- Media and Communication
- Research
- Sales
- Consulting
- Government (Federal, Provincial, Regional, City)
- Education
- Operations

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1 Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

Career Cruising: Log into cln.utoronto.ca, click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically

O*Net: online.onetcenter.org (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets

- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

3 Build Your Network

Explore **Professional Associations** and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

Political Science Student Association at UTSC - about.me/pssa.utsc

Canadian Political Science Association - www.cpsa-acsp.ca

Political Studies Association (UK) - www.psa-ac.uk

Follow on Twitter: @ONgov @joblinkca @jobs_gc

Check out government programs such as PSR, FSWEF, OIP, and OLIP!

List of Canadian and International Think Tanks - www.hillwatch.com, which includes the following:

Institute for Research on Public Policy - irpp.org Fraser Institute - www.fraserinstitute.org

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - www.policyalternatives.ca

Institute of Public Administration of Canada - www.ipac.ca

2 Explore Career Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you're a student via campus events and programs listed on cln.utoronto.ca and ccr.utoronto.ca:

- [Extern Job Shadowing](#)
- [In the Field](#)
- [Explore It!](#) (course-based)
- [Partners in Leadership](#) (4th year students)
- [iLead, uLead, weLead](#) (Dep't of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- [Departmental Student Association](#) Events

Apply for [Work Study](#) jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via www.scsu.ca/jobs.

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like www.talentegg.ca and www.charityvillage.ca. As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC's [Get Hired Conference](#) and participate in [Jobs for Grads](#).

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like www.careeredge.ca