

### What can I do with a Major in **Political Science**?



**For more information on the Political Science Major at the U of L:**

<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/political-science>

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Academic Advising:

<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

### The Political Science Program at the University of Lethbridge

Political Science is the systematic study of government, politics and political behaviour. It studies how a society governs itself at all levels and various ideas about how it should be governed in the future. Political Science students will study how political conflict is organized and resolved in the 'real world.' Students will look at how rulers are chosen, governmental decisions are taken and how decision-making processes are organized. Students will learn how governments design and implement their laws and policies in Canada and abroad.

The Department of Political Science offers four subfields of study, culminating in a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Arts & Science. These subfields are: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. Students may also choose to instead complete a Bachelor of Management, majoring in Political Science. Visit the Political Science [Management Website](#) for more information.

### Skills Developed

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare &amp; Contrast Ideas &amp; Information</li> <li>• Conceptualize &amp; Implement Projects</li> <li>• Develop Research Designs &amp; Models</li> <li>• Influence &amp; Persuade</li> <li>• Listen Critically</li> <li>• Make Projections</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mediate &amp; Negotiate Conflicts</li> <li>• Meet Deadlines</li> <li>• Organizational</li> <li>• Present Ideas &amp; Data Clearly</li> <li>• Programming &amp; Systems Analysis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Relevant Perspectives</li> <li>• Public Speaking</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Synthesize Complex Information &amp; Ideas</li> <li>• Utilize Survey Research Methods</li> </ul> |
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### Work Environments

Graduates may continue their studies with a Master's or Ph.D., or use their undergraduate degree as a stepping stone to enter a professional discipline such as law. Political Science graduates may find employment in/with communications companies, consulting firms, academic or research institutions, governmental organizations, international development companies, non-governmental or non-profit organizations, or multimedia companies. Graduates may also find employment with law firms, political parties and public service organizations.

### Key Areas of Specialization:

Federalism & Canadian Intergovernmental Relations, Political Parties & Elections, Digital Politics & Democratic Citizenship, Comparative Political Regimes, European Regional Integration, Political Development & Democratization, Comparative Political Economies, Judicial Decision Making, Political Parties & Voting Behaviour, Provincial Politics, Philosophy of Law, Friendship & Politics, Liberal Education & Citizenship, North American Integration & Public Policy, Structural Policy Change, Religion & Politics

## Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Client Services Advisor
- Communications & Government Relations Intern
- Corporate Engagement & Grants Specialist
- International Relations Advisor
- International Trips Coordinator
- Market Research Analyst
- Motivational Outreach Speaker
- National Policy Analyst
- Outreach Coordinator
- Parliamentary & Information Assistant
- Policy & Service Development Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Policy Planner
- Program & Policy Advisor
- Program Coordinator
- Project Assistant
- Project Advisor
- Research Assistant
- Research Coordinator
- Social Policy Analyst
- Transcriber
- Volunteer Coordinator

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](#) or join the [Management](#) or [Arts & Science](#) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

## Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Activist
- Appeal Referee/Reviewer
- Budget Analyst
- Campaign Manager
- Campaign Worker
- Chief Operating Officer
- City Councillor
- Civil Preparedness Officer
- Civil Servant
- Community Worker
- Compliance Officer
- Consumer Advocate
- Copyright Manager
- Corporate Trainer
- Customs Officer
- Diplomat
- Economic Development Officer
- Election Assistant/Supervisor
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Fundraiser
- Government Administrator
- Governmental Program Agent
- Human Resource Specialist
- Human Rights Officer
- Immigration & Revenue Officer
- Intelligence Supervisor
- International Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Labour Relations Specialist
- Legislative Aide/Assistant
- Legislative Analyst
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Mediator
- Member of Parliament
- Ministerial Assistant
- Non-profit Administrator
- Ombudsperson
- Policy Researcher
- Political Commentator/Columnist
- Political Educator
- Political Organization Manager
- Political Scientist

- Politician
- Population Studies Analyst
- Press Officer
- Print Journalist
- Public Administrator
- Public Affairs Adviser/Consultant
- Public Opinion Analyst
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Consultant/Specialist
- Public Speaking Consultant
- Public Works Commissioner
- Researcher
- Social Policy Program Officer
- Social Services Administrator
- Speech Writer
- Survey Poll Analyst
- Teacher
- Technical Writer
- Television & Radio Journalist
- University Professor
- Voting Researcher

## Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Author
- Business Administrator
- Career Development Counsellor
- Communications Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Editor
- Event Coordinator
- Executive Assistant
- Financial Planner
- Financial/Business Consultant
- Financial/Economic Analyst
- Health & Social Policy Researcher
- Historical Researcher
- Insurance Licensing Supervisor
- Lawyer
- Media Correspondent
- Paralegal
- Police Officer
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Publisher
- Purchasing Agent/Buyer
- Real Estate Agent
- Regional/International Development Agent
- Retail Manager

## Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Political Science and its career opportunities.

Prairie Political Science Association  
<http://prairiepsa.com>

Association of Canadian Compliance Professionals  
<http://www.complianceprofessionals.ca>

Canadian Political Science Association  
<http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/>

The Council of Canadians  
<http://www.canadians.org>

Canadian Political Science Students' Association  
<http://www.cpssa.ca>

Canadian Council on Social Development  
<http://www.ccsd.ca>

Canadian Association of Political Consultants  
<http://www.thecapc.ca>

The Canadian Bar Association  
<http://www.cba.org>

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives  
<https://www.policyalternatives.ca>

American Political Science Association  
<http://www.apsanet.org>

Canadian Policy Research Networks  
<http://cprn.org/index.cfm>

American Association of Political Consultants  
<http://www.theaapc.org>

American Legislative Exchange Council  
<http://www.alec.org>

American Bar Association  
<http://www.americanbar.org/>

Ethics & Compliance Officer Association  
<http://www.theecoa.org/>

International Political Science Association  
<http://www.ipsa.org>

## Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/>

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  
<http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/>

Academic Advising  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

Native Student Advising  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising>

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  
<http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/>

Accommodated Learning Centre  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/>

International Centre for Students  
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/>

Registrar Office & Student Services  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/>

Scholarship & Students Finance  
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/>

U of L Students' Union & Student Clubs  
<http://www.ulsu.ca/>

## Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board  
[CES Job board](#)

Arts & Science Applied Studies  
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students>

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship  
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop>

Management Co-op Education  
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op>

Study Abroad & Exchanges  
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges>

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges  
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad>

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### Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

AH154 Anderson Hall, Phone: 403-329-2000  
Mon- Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.