What can I do with a degree in Political Science?

In Political Science, students explore concepts of authority, conflict, debate, governance and power in order to analyze political systems and behaviour. With a Bachelor’s degree, students that have a passion for Political Science can take their skills directly to the workforce, or they can continue their studies at graduate school. Political Science students develop an aptitude for critical debate and the ability to develop persuasive, evidence-based arguments. Students use their analytical and research skills to evaluate competing perspectives and theories. These skills combined with an understanding of political and legal systems lead many of our graduates to enrol in law school.

Students also learn how to conduct research through interpretive, historical, case study and comparative methods that can be transferred to careers in public policy as a policy analyst, public relations officer, or as a senior manager in federal, provincial and local government. Political Science Students develop their abilities to solve problems and make decisions that lead to careers in the public, private, non-profit sectors, and even business.

Some Career Options for Political Science Majors

| Lawyer* | Public Policy Analyst | City Planner* |
| Fundraiser | Campaign Organizer | Media Analyst |
| Lobbyist | Civil Servant | Consultant |
| Mediator or Negotiator | Policy Advisor | Project Management |
| Human Rights Activist | Diplomat | Politician |

*Additional education and training required.

Department of Political Science

http://web.uvic.ca/polisci/

Undergraduate Course Union

Undergrads of Political Science (UPS)

http://web.uvic.ca/ups/

Faculty Bios

http://web.uvic.ca/polisci/people/faculty/faculty_direct.php
Co-op and Careers

What can you do with your degree?

http://www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/assets/docs/wcydwyd/PoliticalScience.pdf

Political Science Professional Associations

British Columbia Political Science Association http://www.bcpsa.ca/
Canadian Political Science Association http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/
Société québécoise de science politique http://gite.labunix.uqam.ca/sqsp/
American Political Science Association http://www.apsanet.org/
International Studies Association http://www.isanet.org/
International Political Science Association http://www.ipsa.org/
European Community Studies Association - Canada http://web.uvic.ca/ecsac/