

POLITICAL SCIENCE

University of Northern Iowa College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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ABOUT THE MAJOR

Political science the study of power: how it is created, exercised, justified, and challenged. As a social science, political science focuses on group power, the 'how' and 'why' of collective decision-making, and the ethics of power. It also examines the effects of community, identity, justice and citizenship. Political science majors also study democracy, war, law, rights, wealth, and authority, as well as the institutions that shape and secure them.

SAMPLE COURSEWORK

Introduction to American Politics	Rhetoric and Civic Culture
Mass Communication and Society	Public Opinion and Voting Behavior
Campaigns and Elections	Communication, Community, and Change

POSSIBLE CAREERS *some titles may require further education

Government Relations Specialist	City Manager	Legislative Aide	Journalist
Campaign Manager	Press Officer	Policy Analyst	Correspondent
Campaign Strategist	Public Relations Manager	Media Strategist	Social Media Manager
Foreign Service Officer	Lobbyist	Chief of Staff	Mayor

UNI GRADUATES: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- University of Northern Iowa
- University of Iowa
- State of Iowa – Executive Branch
- Iowa Department of Revenue
- Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc.
- Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Third Order Effects
- Culmen International
- FLS Connect
- Performance Marketing
- U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
- Pinpoint Digital
- Master Builders of Iowa
- Office of Consumer Affairs Public Policy
- Black Hawk County



SKILLS NEEDED

- Writing skills
- Research skills
- Public speaking
- Cultural competence
- Social media skills
- Crisis management
- Problem solving skills
- Persuasiveness
- Ability to take criticism
- Critical thinking

HOLLAND CODES

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