



POLITICAL SCIENCE

A major in political science at UNC Charlotte requires thirty (30) credit hours of course work, including six required courses and at least four political science electives.

Required courses

The six core courses are offered every fall and spring semester and periodically in the summer. (POLS 4110 and 4163 are taught only in the spring; POLS 2220 and 4600 are not offered in the summer.)

- ✓ American Politics (POLS 1110)
- ✓ Comparative Politics (POLS 1130)
- ✓ International Politics (POLS 1150)
- ✓ Political Philosophy (POLS XX7X)
- ✓ Political Science Methods (POLS 2220)
- ✓ Senior Course (select one): Senior Seminar (POLS 4600), Senior Thesis (POLS 4990), North Carolina Student Legislature (POLS 4110), or Model United Nations (POLS 4163)

Elective courses

We offer many elective courses every semester and during the summer. Examples of recent course offerings are listed below. Students can select the four (or more!) electives they find most interesting.

Introduction to Public Policy	Latin American Politics
Constitutional Law and Policy	African International Relations
Voting and Elections	Terrorism
Social Movements and Interest Groups	International Human Rights
State and Local Government	East Asia in World Affairs
Civil Rights and Liberties	International Law

Optional but Fun Ways to Earn Credit in Political Science:

Internship in Political Science: Students can earn up to six hours toward the political science major by doing an internship in a law office, with a political campaign, or in a non-profit organization, among other options. We share opportunities through our listserv and students arrange their own internships.

North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL): Through participation in a model N.C. General Assembly in Raleigh, students gain close-up, practical education in political and legislative processes. NCSL provides them with a state-wide forum for expressing their ideas and opinions on current issues.

Model United Nations (MUN): Students learn about global issues by representing countries other than the U.S. in mock simulations of the United Nations at domestic and international conferences. In so doing, they gain important public speaking, writing, time management, and diplomatic skills.

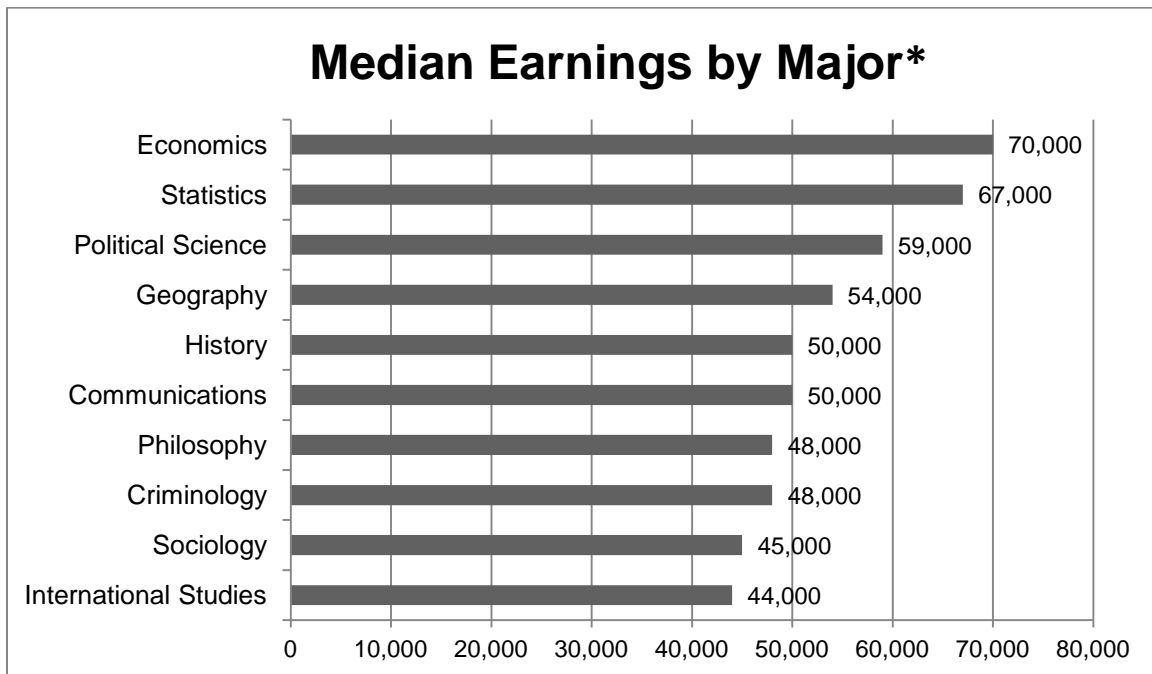
For more information, visit <http://politicalscience.uncc.edu>.

CAREERS CHOSEN BY POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS

Our students find careers in many different areas. This is a short list of the many opportunities that are available to political science majors.

Activist/Organizer
Attorney
CIA Analyst
City Planner
City Housing Administrator
Congressional Office/Committee Staffer
Communications Director
Corporate Public Affairs Advisor
Customs Officer
Department of Defense Analyst
Entrepreneur
FBI Agent
Foreign Service Officer
High School Government Teacher

Immigration Officer
International Research Specialist
Journalist
Legislative Analyst
Lobbyist
Mediator
Non-Profit Staff Member
Policy Analyst
Political Campaign Operative
Political Commentator
Public Opinion Analyst
State Legislator
University Administrator
Urban Policy Planner



* Full-time, full-year workers with a terminal Bachelor's degree.

Source: *What's It Worth? The Economic Value of College Majors*, Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (2011), Available at <http://cew.georgetown.edu/whatsitworth/>.

What will YOU be doing next year? →

Taking classes at UNC Charlotte
as a Political Science major.