POLITICAL SCIENCE

Education Example
Pace University, Dyson School of Arts and Sciences

New York, NY

B.A. in Political Science

GPA: 3.X

Summary

Political Science is the systematic study of government, political structures, processes, and policies, utilizing institutional, quantitative, and philosophical approaches. This diverse field encompasses political theory, international relations, American and comparative government, public policy, and research methodology. Study in political science prepares individuals for active citizenship, for careers in public affairs, and for advanced study in the social sciences and law. Training in problem solving and systematic analysis prepares the political science major for many different types of government and private positions. Students with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science may find employment in such areas as civil service, public interest and advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, banking, or major corporations. An advanced degree in political science, law, public policy and administration, public health or urban planning is generally required for consulting work, administrative positions, college teaching, or research positions.

Selected Occupational Opportunities

- Legislative aide
- Staff assistant
- International lawyer
- Paralegal
- Legal investigator
- City manager
- Corrections officer
- Urban policy planner
- Teacher, secondary level
- College/university professor
- News analyst
- Press agent
- Editorial assistant
- Public affairs reporter
- Web designer
- Lawyer
- Environmental lawyer
- Strategist
- Publications director
- Issues director
- Development director
- Lobbyist
- Event coordinator
- Peace Corps volunteer

Skills and Abilities

Excellent analytical skills • Strong ability to think critically and independently • Superior oral and written communication • Ability to organize and interpret information • Strong critical reading skills • Ability to concisely summarize ideas • Ability to handle and implement criticism • Creativity • Editing and revising skills • Comfortable with public speaking • Adept at extracting relevant information from large amounts of text • Good rhetoric skills

Resources & References

International Association of Political Science Students (http://www.iapss.org)
Careers in Government (http://www.careersingovernment.com/)
Career OneStop (http://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/ExploreCareers.aspx)
Pre-Law Student Services (http://www.ilrg.com/pre-law.html)
Idealist.org (www.idealist.org)

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