

What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts Public Policy Studies?

Knowing What's Expected

If you enjoy learning about current Canadian global issues, the Public Policy Studies program will provide you with the perfect combination of education and experience to get you started on your career.

The goals of the Public Policy Studies program are to provide students with skills in policy analysis and communication. The program prepares students for potential careers in public service in government and non-government organizations.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Gather and interpret data
- ❖ Influence and persuade people
- ❖ Understand group dynamics
- ❖ Listen and think critically
- ❖ Utilize survey research methods
- ❖ Present and defend a position
- ❖ Write and present information clearly
- ❖ Ability to speak French is an asset

Your Choices

A Public Policy Degree prepares students for a broad range of public service careers in government, the non-profit sector, consulting firms, and in selected private sector firms.

**Some of these occupations will require further education.

Careers for Public Policy

- ❖ Government Administrator
- ❖ Marketing Coordinator
- ❖ Human Resources Coordinator
- ❖ Management Consultant
- ❖ Urban Planner, Regional Planner
- ❖ Demographer
- ❖ Teacher/Professor
- ❖ Economic Development Officer, Market Researcher
- ❖ Public Policy Analyst, Social Policy Researchers
- ❖ Political Scientist
- ❖ Journalist/Editor

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Communication Skills
- ❖ Interpersonal skills
- ❖ Ability to multitask and work under pressure

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (See-www.mountstudent.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only gain "hands on experience" and show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Public Affairs Association of Canada <http://www.publicaffairs.ca>
- ❖ Institute of Public Administration of Canada <http://www.ipaciapc.ca/>
- ❖ Canadian Political Science Association <http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/>
- ❖ The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators http://www.camacam.ca/programs_literacy.asp
- ❖ The Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies <http://www.ciss.ca/>
- ❖ Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management <http://www.appam.org/home.asp>
- ❖ IPAC <http://www.ipac.ca/>

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Arts Degree
- ❖ How to Get any Job With Any Major
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors
- ❖ Canada's Best Career Guide
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Business Directory of The Metropolitan Halifax Chamber Of Commerce
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Government of Canada/Public Service Commission
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Parliament of Canada
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/>
- ❖ Government of Nova Scotia
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/>
- ❖ All About Public Relations
<http://aboutpublicrelations.net/>
- ❖ Public Relations Student Society of America <http://www.prssa.org/>
- ❖ Public Service Careers
<http://www.publicservicecareers.org/>
- ❖ Job Hunt.org
<http://www.job-hunt.org/canada.shtm>

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