

Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies?



Know What's Expected

Political Studies majors have a strong ability to think logically and analytically. If you major in Political Studies, employers will expect that you have excellent research, organizational, writing, planning, and critical thinking skills as well as interest in power and conflict. The ability to identify and predict trends is also important. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Effective interview skills and techniques
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Understanding of international politics and policy
- Knowledge of current events and social trends
- Ability to analyze detailed information
- Comprehensive and accurate research skills

What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Strong communications skills
- Strong problem solving and analytical skills
- Team leadership
- Strong research skills

Where Can You Work?

A Political Studies Major offers a broad background in the humanities, politics, government and social sciences. Graduates from Political Studies programs may find careers in communications, culture, law, social work, non-profit and business.

A Political Studies degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts— Political Studies webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Public Administration
- Lobbyist
- Political Campaign Manager
- Politician
- Writer, Editor, or Journalist
- Lawyer
- Policy or Program Officer
- Parliamentary Aid
- Social Worker
- Paralegal

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Local government offices
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Universities
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

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.

- Canadian Political Science Association
www.cpsa-acsp.ca
- Association for Canadian Studies
www.acs-aec.ca
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
www.nsbs.org
- Canadian Association of Journalists
www.caj.ca
- Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration
www.cappa.ca
- Institute of Public Administration of Canada
www.ipac.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!



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