Political science is the study of public power: its mobilization, exercise and transformation by governments, political parties, interest groups, and mass behavior. Political scientists examine the causes and effects of political power and institutions in decision-making and governance at various levels, from the local to the global. The discipline is organized into four fields: American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. Ohio State’s Department of Political Science offers a rich array of courses in all four fields, plus training in political analysis.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Business Executive
- Business Analyst
- Consultant
- Advertising
- Public Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Data Analyst
- Market Researcher

**Health Professions**
- Doctor
- Disaster Relief Specialist
- Health Care Advocate

**Government/Politics**
- (Foreign) Policy Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Mediator
- Intelligence Officer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Central Intelligence Agency
- National Security Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- State Department
- Congressional Research Service
- Homeland Security
- Lawyer
- Judge

**Elected Official**
- Campaign Management
- Community Organizer
- Professor
- Researcher
- Librarian
- Teacher
- See Graduate School Sheet

**Education/Graduate School**
- Public Relations Specialist
- Journalist
- Data Analyst

**Non-Profit/Advocacy**
- Peace Corps
- Fulbright Scholar
- Program Officer
- Researcher

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Quantitative Reasoning
- Data Analysis
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Research Skills
- Strategic Planning
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Willingness to Take Risks
- Written & Oral Communication
- Persuasion
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Using Technology Effectively
- Attention to Detail
- Organization Skills
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Implementing Decisions
- Administrative Skills
- Mediating Conflict

*This is not a comprehensive list of transferable skills. See a larger list of skills that you might develop here: http://ccss.osu.edu*

**Professional Links:**

- Political Science Internship Website: [http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/internships](http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/internships)
- Political Science Job Website: [http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/prospective-students/careers-political-science](http://polisci.osu.edu/undergraduate/prospective-students/careers-political-science)