POLITICAL SCIENCE

From Study to Skills

The political science major is designed to expose students to the philosophical and practical problems of political organization, action, and governance, and to encourage thinking about the nature of citizenship, rights, and duties in the modern world. All course offerings in political science are divided into three areas of concentration: American Politics and Public Policy, International Politics and Political Theory, and Methodology. Additionally, Students may pursue an accelerated dual program with the Law School or the Department of Public Policy and Administration.

Students are prepared to work in law or public policy as well as many other political science related disciplines.

Employment opportunities exist for political science majors in a wide variety of areas including government, business, law, politics, social service and education.


Skills and Abilities

**Communication**- Students will develop writing skills, learn to communicate effectively, develop computer skills, present data in visual or oral presentations.

**Analytical Skills**- Students will gain a thorough knowledge of political science, major themes, analytical techniques, and an understanding of the global political community, and human cultural and political variability.

Internships

Rutgers-Camden Political Science students have interned with the following employers:

3rd Legislative District of New Jersey
Borough of Lawnside
Camden County Board of Freeholders
Camden County Prosecutor’s Office
Christie for Governor
Cherry Hill Democratic Committee
City of Bridgeton
Cooper’s Ferry Partnership
Jon Runyan For Congress

Legislative Office of P. Lampitt & L. Greenwall
Mayor’s Office, Camden County
McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter
NJ Department of Homeland Security
Office of the Governor of New Jersey
Township of Gloucester
Philadelphia City Council President’s Office
Philadelphia Municipal Court
U.S. Pretrial Services
What Careers Are Available For Political Science Majors?

Account Executive, FedEx
Analyst, NJ Office of Management and Budget
Arbitrator, Allstate
Assistant Teacher, Early Learning and Research
Contract Specialist, U.S. General Services Administration
Family Support Worker, Center for Family Services
Financial Advisor, American Express
Human Resources, Department of Commerce
Judiciary Clerk 2, Atlantic County Criminal Division, Superior Court of New Jersey
Legal Administrative Specialist, Social Security Administration
Legislative Aide, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald
Prosecution Assistant, District Attorney’s Office, Philadelphia
Records Department Clerk, Parker McKay

Graduate School Options

While many Political Science majors choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation, others will decide to pursue a graduate degree. Here are just some of the programs that Rutgers-Camden alumni have pursued:

Brooklyn School of Law - Law
Kings College London - International Law
Rutgers-School of Law Camden - Law
Rutgers University Camden - Public Policy and Administration

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

Alliance for Nonprofit Management
www.allianceonline.org/
American Political Science Association
www.apsanet.org
American Society of Public Admin.
www.aspanet.org
Political Science Quarterly
www.psqonline.org

Get Involved:

- Join a student organization - The Student Government Association, the Political Science Society, or the Pre-Law Society.
- Assist a faculty member with their research.
- Visit RaptorLink for internship opportunities in your field of interest.
- Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

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