

# 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.

**Related Fields:** Business, Education, Law, Public Administration Social Work, Sociology

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## 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.

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## Internships

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## 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

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## Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

### Alliance for Nonprofit Management

[www.allianceonline.org/](http://www.allianceonline.org/)

### American Political Science Association

[www.apsanet.org](http://www.apsanet.org)

### American Society of Public Admin.

[www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org)

### Political Science Quarterly

[www.psqonline.org](http://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.

### Career Center

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