

## Political Science, Bachelor of Arts

Political science is the study of conflict and cooperation within societies. At its most basic level, this entails asking how and why life and property should be protected, and how cultural and economic aspirations are expressed and accommodated. The study of national and international political systems involves investigation of how individuals, social movements, groups and parties relate to each other and to government; how governmental systems operate; and how and why certain policies work.

Political scientists analyze the causes and consequences of war, disputes over territory and resources, problems of environmental degradation, problems of sexual and racial inequality, poverty, terrorism, refugees, and the nature and consequences of globalization. More generally, political scientists investigate such concepts as justice, liberty, representation, and democracy, and explore ideologies that try to make sense of the political world, such as conservatism, liberalism, socialism, fascism, feminism and environmentalism.

### What you can be with your Political Science Bachelor of Arts Degree:

Customs Inspector #1228	Foreign Services Officer #4168	Lobbyist #4161, #4163, #4164	Public Affairs Officer #5124
Immigration Officer #1228	Development Officer #4164	Volunteer Coordinator #4121	Legislative Assistant #1222
Political Organizer #4164	Public Relations Consultant #5124	Investment Advisor #1112	Policy Analyst
Campaign Worker	Intelligence Analyst	Benefits Officer #1432	Public Opinion Pollster
Management Consultant #1122	Financial Advisory/Planner	Insurance Agent #6231	Marketing Specialist/Representative
Recruiter #1223	Market Researcher #4163	Human Resources Specialist #1211	Actuary #2161
Venture Capitalist	Writer/Author/Columnist #5121	Academic Advisor #4143	Alumni Relations Officer
Educator/Trainer #4131	Editor #5122	Reporter/Correspondent #5123	Journalist #5123
Web Developer/Producer	Production Assistant	Administrative Assistant #1411	Corporate Public Affairs
Data Management Administrator	Municipal Administrator	Professor #4121	Government Relations Officer
Lawyer #4112	Corporate Trainer	College Instructor	Political Scientist #4169
Trade Specialist	Senior Management Consultant	Law Enforcement	Military Officer

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four-digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website ([www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC>)

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

**RDC Information: Political Science, Bachelor of Arts**<https://rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts/bachelor-arts-political-science>**Potential employers:**

Business Firms	Charities	Campaigns	Computer Firms
Government	Consulting Firms	Educational Institutions	International Development Agencies
Large Corporations	Newspapers & Magazines	Law Firms	Non-Profit Organizations
Political Parties	Public Interest Agencies	TV & Radio Stations	Welfare Organizations

**Major Skills Obtained:**

- Broad understanding of how different political systems generate solutions to political problems
- Ability to analyze the multiple dimensions of an issue and select critical information
- Experience in gathering political data relevant to a research problem and in employing various data analysis research techniques
- Skills in writing careful, clear, concise and reasoned reports and essays
- Understanding of the influence of “perspective” on facts
- Ability to define political problems, by applying concepts of political theory
- Proficiency for detailing information accurately
- Oral & Written Communication
- Ability to develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem
- Able to develop & market ideas
- Ability to synthesize a large amount of information and draw conclusions based on the information
- Interact with diverse populations
- Ability to conduct and explain research clearly
- Analytical Thinking
- Decision Making

**Professional associations and sites of interest**

Canadian Political Science Association -

[www.cpsa-acsp.ca](http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca)Red Deer College – [www.rdc.ab.ca/employment](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/employment)City of Red Deer – [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca)City of Calgary – [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)City of Edmonton – [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)Corus Entertainment - [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com)CTV Globe Media - [www.ctvglobemedia.com](http://www.ctvglobemedia.com)

American Political Science Association -

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

Provincial Government of Alberta –

[www.jobs.alberta.ca](http://www.jobs.alberta.ca)Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>RBC - [www.rbc.com/careers/index.html](http://www.rbc.com/careers/index.html)Studies Association - [www.isanet.org/](http://www.isanet.org/)

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