

# What Recent Graduates Say about UM Political Science

## UNDERSTANDING

- **84%** of graduates said the PSCI major contributed “a great deal” or “a good deal” to their **understanding of the major fields of political science**.

## PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

- **88%** said the PSCI major assisted them “a great deal” or “a good deal” in developing **analytical and critical thinking skills**.
- **78%** said PSCI assisted them “a great deal” or “a good deal” in developing **research skills**.

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- **80%** said the major assisted them “a great deal” or “a good deal” in developing **writing skills**.
- **93%** gave an **oral presentation** in a PSCI course.
- **92%** participated in a **debate or simulation** in a PSCI course. Many classes have active-learning components to develop public speaking, interview, and negotiation skills.

## CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, LAW, AND TEACHING

- **78%** said the PSCI major assisted them “a great deal” or “a good deal” in preparing for **citizenship and career practices** such as voting, engaging in political and community work, understanding current political events, contacting public officials, endorsing candidates, and speaking at government hearings.
- **36%** of graduates participated in **community-service activities** in their PSCI courses.
- **51%** participated in **PSCI-related extra-curricular activities** such as Pi Sigma Alpha or Montana Model United Nations.
- **58%** of graduates had a **PSCI-related internship** at the local, state, national, or international level.
- **83%** were satisfied with the **quality of faculty advising**.

Source: Senior Exit Surveys 2015/16 to 2017/18, 192 respondents (80% of graduates).

**Imagine where YOU could go  
with a UM Political Science degree!**



**Political Science is the systematic study of  
how individuals and institutions exercise and resist power,  
and how nations and communities are governed.**

Political Science faculty engage and enlighten undergraduate and graduate students, colleagues, and fellow citizens about the theory and practice of politics.

Majoring in Political Science at UM provides students with:

- ✓ A broad education in the social sciences and humanities.
- ✓ The foundations of citizenship and the capacity to participate effectively in local, national, and international politics.
- ✓ Understanding, problem-solving skills, and communication skills for careers in government, politics, law, and teaching.
- ✓ Accreditation to teach government and social studies in middle and secondary schools.
- ✓ Strong preparation for law school and continued study of politics at the graduate level.



**We embrace  
the University's vision of  
"Creating Change Together."  
Our exciting and rigorous  
courses and programs  
offer many opportunities for  
local, national, and international  
engagement and leadership.**

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## Political Science Major Options

Political Science (PSCI) majors select one or more of the following concentrations:

- **General Political Science**
- **American Politics**
- **International Relations and Comparative Politics**
- **Public Administration and Public Policy**
- **Public Law**

## PSCI Major Requirements

### 4 Introductory Courses:

- PSCI 210SY American Government
- PSCI 220S Comparative Politics
- PSCI 230X International Relations
- PSCI 250E Political Theory

### 1 Upper-Division Course in 4 of the 5 Political Science fields:

- American Government and Politics
- Comparative Politics
- International Relations
- Political Theory
- Public Administration and Public Policy

### Advanced Writing in Political Science (PSCI 400):

- 1 credit, add to any upper-division course
- Can be taken up to 3 times

### Additional Upper-Division PSCI Courses, up to total of at least

- 37 credits in PSCI courses
- Select based on your interests and concentration

### Recommended Experiences:

- ⇒ Internships (legislative, administrative, legal, non-profit, etc.)
- ⇒ Study Abroad, such as PSCI's Summer in Mexico
- ⇒ ASUM Student Senate
- ⇒ Montana Model UN Conference and Traveling Team
- ⇒ Pi Sigma Alpha political science honors society

### **American Government & Politics**

- 341 Political Parties & Elections
- 342 Media, Public Opinion, Polling
- 434 Montana Government & Politics
- 344 State & Local Government
- 345 American Political System
- 348 U.S. Multicultural Politics
- 370 Courts & Judicial Politics
- 443 Politics of Social Movements
- 444 American Political Participation
- 445 Political Psychology
- 471 American Constitutional Law
- 474 Civil Rights

### **International Relations**

- 332 Global Environmental Politics
- 334 International Security
- 335 American Foreign Policy
- 336 European Union
- 337 Model United Nations
- 431 Politics of Global Migration
- 433 International Law & Organizations
- 463 Development Administration
- 482 Politics of the World Economy

### **Public Administration & Public Policy**

- 344 State & Local Government
- 361 Public Administration
- 365 Public Policy Issues & Analysis
- 442 Environmental Policy
- 448 Health Care Policy
- 461 Administrative Law
- 462 Human Resource Management
- 463 Development Administration
- 466 Nonprofit Administration & Public Service
- 467 Advanced Nonprofit Administration
- 468 Public Policy Cycle
- 469 Ethics & Public Policy

### **Selected Upper-Division Courses by Field**

### **Comparative Politics**

- 311 Revolution & Reform in Modern China
- 322 Politics of Europe
- 324 Climate Policies: China & USA
- 325 Politics of Latin America
- 326 Politics of Africa
- 327 Politics of Mexico
- 328 Politics of China
- 381 State Formation
- 443 Politics of Social Movements
- 456 Chinese Political & Social Thought
- 481 Origins of Democracy & Authoritarianism

### **Political Theory**

- 352 American Political Thought
- 354 Contemporary Issues in Political Theory
- 357 Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy
- 452 Utopianism & Its Critics
- 453 Modern Political Theory

### **Political Science collaborates with other departments to offer:**

- Pre-law major
- History-Political Science teaching major
- Teaching Social Studies major
- Climate Change Studies minor
- Global Public Health minor
- International Development Studies minor
- Non-Profit Administration certificate
- Peace Corps Preparation certificate
- Global Leadership certificate
- University Honors (Davidson Honors College)