



# POLITICAL SCIENCE

## MAJOR FACT SHEET



The Political Science Department provides students with theoretical, historical and contemporary background of government and politics, as well as knowledge of the various political systems of the world. Our students gain the tools to analyze and understand the history, key ideas and recurrent patterns of politics and are equipped to engage in and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE FACT

- Political Science courses at UWO prepare students for careers in diverse occupations and work environments. They emphasize development of the skills employers ask for: critical thinking, written and oral communication, and quantitative analysis

### AVERAGE ANNUAL STARTING SALARY

UWO Graduate\*

**\$46,000**

National\*\*

**\$48,380**

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Political Science Student Association (PSSA)** – educates students in the political process through speakers, forums and social functions. It provides academic, faculty, and student support to all students, with special emphasis on political science. PSSA encourages academic and social functions by sponsoring programs, speakers, debates, roundtables and/or trips.
- **PreLaw Society** – holds programs to help answer questions about law schools, including what is the LSAT, when to take the LSAT, and interning in law firms. It is dedicated to providing information about legal careers and legal education. You'll find some helpful resources for applying to law school, LSAT books, practice tests, and study room in Sage Hall 4642 ~ the PreLaw Student Organization Office.
- **Political Science Honor Society** – the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. It is open to Political Science majors who have achieved the required level of academic excellence. Members are eligible for scholarships for graduate study, activity grants, attendance at conferences and more. **Membership:** Must have completed half of the 36 credit Political Science requirement; completed Political Science 101, 105, 115, 245 and upper level courses; must have a B or better GPA in the major and a B or better cumulative GPA.

### FEATURED EMPLOYERS

Wisconsin State Assembly, Habitat for Humanity, Oshkosh Corporation, ADP



### CLASSES

- Political Science (101, 105, 115, 245 and 401)
- American Government
- Political Theory
- Comparative Government
- International Relations and Organizations

### CHARACTERISTICS

- Strong leadership skills
- Interested in further developing skills/interests in public administration, foreign policy, law, business

### COMMON JOB TITLES

- Outreach Coordinator
- Export Compliance and Industrial Security
- Legislative Assistant
- Research Analyst

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- We encourage all our students to experience an internship for credit.
- The Political Science Department typically offers one study abroad for credit trip per year.
- Student research opportunities are available.
- Scholarships include the Political Science Emerging Scholar Scholarship and the Dr. Charlie Goff Scholarship.

\* Salary data from UWO 2021-2022 First Destination Outcomes report

\*\* Salary data from NACE Class of 2021 Report