

# Student Success Map for **POLITICAL SCIENCE BA**

	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year
Create Classroom Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your Academic Advisor to review major requirements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take Intro to American National Government &amp; Intro to Comparative Politics</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tour CORD to locate Writing Center &amp; tutor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to faculty about career plans, research, and/or grad school</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor on your progress</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take upper-level PLSC courses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore honors programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your Academic Advisor to confirm you are ready to graduate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take upper-level Political Science courses</li> </ul>
Find Campus Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend HillFest in September</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find a senior student mentor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Join an RSO like Mock Trial Group, Pi Sigma Alpha, Pre-Law Society, ICMA, Young Democrats or Law Republicans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase your involvement in an RSO</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend department events like Constitution Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mentor a first-year student</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take on a leadership role in an RSO</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend department events...</li> </ul>
Make Local & Global Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find a service project on GivePulse</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore Study Abroad opportunities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Join Political Science Alumni &amp; Students Network on LinkedIn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct summer research or internship</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Revisit internship webpage to plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss research project with faculty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Attend a professional conference</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Join ArkPSA or another professional organization</li> </ul>
Build Career Ready Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the Career Readiness Inventory</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find a student mentor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read PLSC department internship webpage</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore a minor or combined major in an area studies discipline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Career Launch program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explore the PACE microcertificate and/or UofA Career-Ready Badge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check-out on-campus jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Take the Career Readiness Inventory and First Destination Survey</li> </ul>
Prep for Post-Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to a Career Coach about on-campus and/or summer jobs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create LinkedIn &amp; Handshake profiles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss affordability plan with financial aid</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for College and Dept. scholarships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete a Challenge Card assessment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for College and Dept. scholarships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct 3 career conversations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Career Coach or faculty for help applying to grad programs or jobs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Update LinkedIn and Handshake profiles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interview PLSC grad student to gain perspective on graduate school experience</li> </ul>

# Career Info for **POLITICAL SCIENCE BA**

## What are the UofA Career-Ready Skills?

- Career and self-development
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Perspective awareness
- Leadership experience
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technology

## What skills does this major develop?

- Active Listening
- Analytical Thinking
- Primary Research
- Presenting
- Software
- Survey Design
- Writing
- Public Speaking

## What graduate programs do majors often go into?

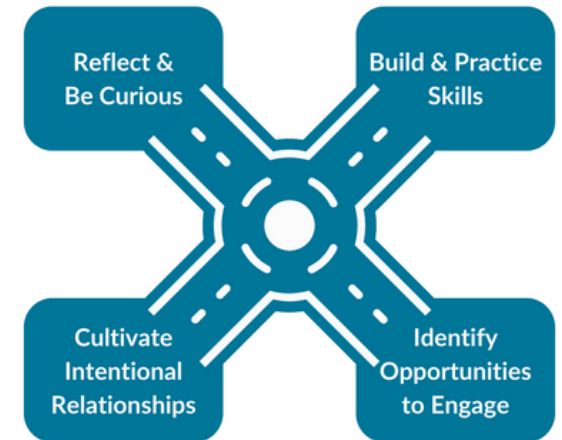
- Political Science
- Law
- Public Administration
- Planning
- Business Administration
- Education or Teaching
- Public Policy
- Nonprofit Studies

## What careers do majors often go into?

- Write your own story! Your broad skillset gives you the agility to blaze paths in emergent fields.
- Political Science majors are found in a wide variety of sectors, using their skills in research, government, nonprofits, education, media, law, healthcare, business development, human rights, social services, and other industries.
- Educator
- City Planner
- Lawyer
- Community Organizer
- Public Administrator
- Lobbyist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Diplomat
- Survey Researcher
- Campaign Manager
- Nonprofit Manager
- Grant Writer

## How do I start to plan my career?

- Complete the SparkPath Challenge Card activity online and then discuss your results with a career coach or career peer mentor. Talk about why it is important to you, how it relates to you and your previous experiences.
- What organizations are working on it?
- Which of these organizations appeal to me? What role would I like to have with them?
- What are my skills and how will I use them to work on this challenge?
- What skills, knowledge and experience do I need to develop to contribute more to the challenge?
- What is my plan to learn these things? Who can I connect with at the UofA for help?



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