Career Outlook 2018: Political Science

Political Science Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Political Science (B.A.)
Minors: Political Science, Applied Public Policy
Field of Emphasis: Social Studies: Political Science
Pre-Law: (Listed under the Pre-Professional programs)

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/political_science

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports that political scientists held 7,300 jobs in 2016. Many work as researchers and administrators for various employers, including governments, educational institutions, religious organizations, and research and development firms. Most political scientists—about 48%—work for the federal government. Others work for think tanks, nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, political lobbying groups, and labor organizations. Openings for these positions tend to be quite competitive, and most candidates hold advanced degrees.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for political scientists is expected to grow slower than average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $57,750 and $160,290 per year. The median pay for political scientists in 2016 was $114,290 per year. These jobs typically require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES:
Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Political Science graduates (B.A.), 50% of graduates went on to continue their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES*: (This list includes employment within one year of graduation for the years 2013 through 2015.)

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- Oxford Brookes University, Oxford England, UK
- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

Bibliography:
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Bemidji State University Undergraduate Catalog 2017-2018. Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2017)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu
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http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/

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