

Career Outlook 2019: 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 \$56,150 and \$161,890 per year. The median pay for political scientists in 2017 was \$115,110 per year. These jobs typically require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES:

Of the Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Political Science graduates (B.A.), 33.3% obtained related full time employment and 14.3% 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 2018.)

First National Bank of Bemidji	Customer Service Representative	Bemidji, MN
Grassroots Campaigns	Field Manager	Brooklyn, NY
Magaurm Park Inc.	Chief Executive Officer	Bemidji, MN
Minnesota Senate	Committee Legislative Assistant	St. Paul, MN
New Folk Records	College Booking Agent	Savage, MN
Sanford Health	Registration Assistant	Bemidji, MN
University of South Dakota Foundation	Annual Fund Coordinator	Vermillion, SD
Wells Fargo	Personal Banker	Bemidji, MN

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

- University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

*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.

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- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2018)

For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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