

Career Outlook: Political Science

Political Science Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Political Science (B.A.)

Minors: Political Science, Applied Public Policy, International Relations

Related Majors: Social Studies: Political Science (B.A.)

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 6,200 jobs in 2018. Many work as researchers and administrators for various employers, including governments, educational institutions, religious organizations, and research and development firms. Most political scientists—about 53%—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 5% (as fast as average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between \$59,300 and \$164,200 per year. The median pay for political scientists in 2018 was \$117,570 per year. These jobs typically require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES:

Of the 6 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Political Science graduates (B.A.), 100% obtained related full time employment and three of the graduates went on to continue their education. There was one 2017-2018 Political Science B. S. graduate who obtained full-time related employment following graduation. 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.)

Digital River	Sales Development Representative	Minnetonka, MN
First National Bank of Bemidji	Customer Service Representative	Bemidji, MN
Grassroots Campaigns	Field Manager	Brooklyn, NY
Gulf International Forum	Research and Publication Coordinator	Washington, DC
Magaur Park Inc.	Chief Executive Officer	Bemidji, MN
Minnesota Senate	Committee Legislative Assistant	St. Paul, MN
Sanford Health	Registration Assistant	Bemidji, MN
University of South Dakota Foundation	Annual Fund Coordinator	Vermillion, SD

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

- Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- 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 (2019)

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

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