

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)

Certificate: Public and Non-Profit Management

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 7,000 jobs in 2019. Many work as researchers and administrators for various employers, including governments, educational institutions, religious organizations, and research and development firms. Most political scientists—about 58%—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 6% (faster than average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between \$60,960 and \$164,210 per year. The median pay for political scientists in 2019 was \$122,220 per year. These jobs typically require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES:

Of the 6 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Political Science graduates (B.A.), 100% obtained related full-time employment and two of the 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 2014 through 2019.)

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
Magauran Park Inc.	Chief Executive Officer	Bemidji, MN
Minnesota Senate	Committee Legislative Assistant	St. Paul, MN
Rainbow Research	Researcher Assistant	Minneapolis, MN
Sanford Health	Registration Assistant	Bemidji, MN
Take the Majority	Field Organizer	Dale City, VA
University of South Dakota Foundation	Annual Fund Coordinator	Vermillion, SD
White Earth RBC	Front Desk Assistant	White Earth, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE PREVIOUS BSU POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE

THEIR EDUCATION:

- Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN
- 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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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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GRAD STATS

FROM STUDENTS SURVEYED ONE YEAR POST-GRADUATION

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO CAREERS

TOP EMPLOYERS

1. SANFORD HEALTH
2. BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
3. ESSENTIA HEALTH
4. LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
5. SCHOOLCRAFT LEARNING COMMUNITY
6. ATHLOS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
7. CLIFTONLARSONALLEN
8. NORTH HOMES CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
9. RED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10. ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM
11. BEMIDJI MIDDLE SCHOOL
12. FAIRVIEW HEALTH SERVICES
13. MAYO CLINIC
14. PARK RAPIDS AREA SCHOOLS
15. WANZEK CONSTRUCTION

87.7% OF

1,191

TOTAL GRADUATE AWARDS WHO RESPONDED

*95.4%

EMPLOYED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

*89.7%

EMPLOYED IN A RELATED FIELD WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

15.8%

ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION



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