

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 2020. Many work as researchers and administrators for various employers, including governments, educational institutions, religious organizations, and research and development firms. Most political scientists—about 50%—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 9% (as fast as average) through 2030, with people established in their career generally earning between \$62,840 and \$170,800 per year. The median pay for political scientists in 2020 was \$125,350 per year. These jobs typically require an advanced degree.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATES:

Of the 5 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Political Science graduates (B.A.), four 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 2020.)

Cedar Rapids School District	Substitute Teacher	Cedar Rapids, IA
First National Bank of Bemidji	Customer Service Representative	Bemidji, MN
Grassroots Campaigns	Field Manager	Brooklyn, NY
Gulf International Forum	Research and Publication Coordinator Chief	Washington, DC
Magaurn Park Inc.	Executive Officer	Bemidji, MN
Minnesota Senate	Committee Legislative Assistant	St. Paul, MN
Rainbow Research	Researcher Assistant	Minneapolis, 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:

Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, MN
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN
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 (2021)

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

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