Political Science Career Tracks:

Political Consulting

Many Political Science students express an interest in political consulting. Majors often go on to pursue careers as activists, campaign managers, policy analysts, and lobbyists.

POLS majors are required to take three introductory POLS courses, eight upper division POLS courses, and four upper division related courses to complete the POLS degree. The sample curriculum below is intended to provide an example of a course of study one might take if interested in pursuing political consulting. These are suggested courses only. They are meant only as a tool to guide the student towards a career in political consulting.

Sample Curriculum

| Introductory Courses | POLS 1002: Introduction to Political Theory  
POLS 1602: Introduction to American Politics  
POLS 1402: Introduction to International Relations |
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| Major Courses        | POLS 2607: American Political Parties  
POLS 3602: The Presidency and Congress  
POLS 3604: Congress in Theory and Practice  
POLS 3612: Electoral Behavior  
POLS 3613: Congressional Elections  
POLS 3642: African-American Politics  
POLS 3214: Comparative Social Policy  
POLS 3062: Democratic Theory |
| Related Courses      | COMM 4410: Government Communication  
COMM 4451: Media, State, and Society  
SOCI 3821: Social Movements and Social Change  
SOCI 3841: Public Opinion and Mass Communication |
| Additional Curricular and Extracurricular Activities | ConnPIRG  
Student Coalition for Social Justice  
Internships with lobbying firms, political campaigns*  
Study Abroad* |

*may earn academic credit for these experiences