

# Next Steps

## Freshman Highlights



- Classes to take: AFS 200, AFS 201, AFS 210
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities
- Review the ExploreIt! Shadow Program

## Sophomore Highlights



- Classes to take: HIS 301
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and re-view your degree evaluation
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador. Time to get your major confirmed and resume started
- Attend Career Services Theme Weeks
- Begin to develop your professional network

## Junior Highlights



- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

## Senior Year Highlights



- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for **deadlines**
- Take the "Senior Check Up" to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

# B.A. in Political Science



# MAP IT!

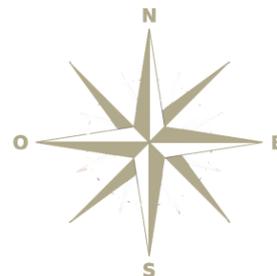
## Chart your course

## Department of Political Science

<http://www.uncg.edu/psc>

### Career Services Center

#1 Elliott University Center  
336.334.5454  
[career\\_services@uncg.edu](mailto:career_services@uncg.edu)  
[csc.dept.uncg.edu](http://csc.dept.uncg.edu)



### Students First

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# Political Science

Concentrations: Pre-Law

## WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

### Sample Work Functions

Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career functional areas:

- Journalism
- Archivist
- Editor
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Urban Planning
- City Management
- Teacher
- International Relations
- Foreign Services
- Public Relations
- Political Science

### Sample Work Settings

Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background.

- Archives
- Correctional Institutions
- Business Corporations
- Universities & Colleges
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- Magazines/News
- Libraries
- Congress
- Foundations
- Federal & State Government
- K-12 Education
- Non Profit Organizations
- City/State Government

### Sample Salary Information

Salary information below represents median trends for sample job functions below and may not account for variables including geography, candidate background, or other factors involved in salary negotiation. For more complete information, check out the O\*Net and the Occupational Outlook Handbook in addition to conducting informational interviews with professionals in the field.

- Court Clerk: \$34,830
  - Reporter: \$35,870
  - Editor: \$53,880
  - Professor: \$62,050\*
  - Intelligence Specialist: \$74,300
  - Judge: \$115,760\*
  - Librarian: \$55,370\*
  - Public Relations: \$54,170
  - Urban Planner: \$65,230\*
  - Political Scientist: \$102,000\*
- \*additional education may be required

### Organizations Where Our Alumni Have Gone

- Egerton & Associates
- Greensboro Partnership
- Housing & Community Development—Greensboro
- VistaScape Security Systems
- Action Greensboro
- Hogan & Hartson LLP
- Legal Aid
- American Red Cross
- Land, Water & Wildlife Program at NC Enviro Defense

## HOW TO GET THERE

### Try on this major

There are several courses within the Political Science department that any UNCG student can take as a way to “try on” the major and determine if it’s a good fit for you. Students who are just beginning to explore the PSC major are encouraged to take any 100 – or 200– level course that is a topic of interest. While several possibilities are listed below, talk with your advisor if you are interested in “trying on” this major.

PSC 100; PSC 105; PSC 240; PSC 260

### When to take coursework

Students pursuing a Political Science degree are required to take several different General Education Core (GEC) and College Additional Requirements (CAR) courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:

PSC 100—first semester freshman year

ENG 101—second semester freshman year

The above classes are a suggested course of study. Talk with your advisor or the Students First Office if your academic plan does not align with these recommendations.

### Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations

- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Political Awareness Club
- Legal Professions Club
- Model U.N.
- Human Rights Watch
- CATO Institute

### Special Interest Housing

Special interest housing communities are residential-based programs designed to enhance the overall undergraduate student experience by fostering one-on-one relationships between faculty, staff, and students in a close knit residence hall environment. Students are encouraged to explore intellectual, cultural, and social interests through experiential activities often linked to the academic curriculum. Students learn with friends, while gaining real-world experience all where they live. Special interest housing options include:

- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities
- Residential Colleges
- Themed Communities

### Past Internship Sites

Note: this is a partial listing of where students have interned in the past. Internships are not guaranteed; work with your academic program and the Career Services Center to strategize your plans for an internship to compliment your studies.

- SSA
- Coble, Miller, Watt
- Greensboro Police
- Greensboro City Management
- Court Watch
- Winston-Salem Veterans Administration

### Sample Graduate Programs

Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:

- Public Affairs
- Law School
- Security Studies
- Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Policy Analysis
- International Relations Programs

### GPA & Other Requirements

Once you declare a Political Science major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

Concentration	GPA & Program Requirements	Application Procedures
Political Science	• NONE	NONE
Political Science Licensure in Social Studies High School Teaching*	• Major GPA 2.75 or more • Achieve minimum score on Praxis I, ACT or SAT • Complete Background Check	Students must be admitted to Teacher Education program. Students may apply at the end of their sophomore year. More information can be found in the Secondary Teacher Education Handbook.

\*This licensure program relies heavily on early and adequate advising. It is the student’s responsibility to meet as soon as possible with both his/her major advisor and the secondary education advisor in the School of Education Office of Student Services.

### Sample Minors/Double-Majors

Often, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to complement their Political Science major. If this is of interest to you, be sure to discuss it with your advisor early on. Some possible minors or majors to consider include:

- Business Administration
- English
- International and Global Studies
- History