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 review 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

Department of Political Science

http://www.uncg.edu/psc

Career Services Center

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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

**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

**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 complement your studies.

- SAA
- 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

**Sample Salary Information**

Salary information below represents median trends for sample job fields. Observations such as pay may account for variables including geographic location, major 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.

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**Organizations Where Our Alumni Have Gone**

- Action Greensboro
- Hesan & 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 – 200 level course that is 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

**Sample Minors/Double-Majors**

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