CAREER TRACKS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

“What can I do with a degree in Political Science?”

If you’ve ever asked yourself this important question, or if others have asked what you plan to do with a B.A. in Political Science, the Rutgers-Camden Political Science Department has some answers!

The following CAREER TRACKS (with suggested courses) are presented as career options to help you with your career planning. However, it is important to mention that you do NOT have to select any career track to become a political science major. Our department welcomes all students.

1. PRE-LAW TRACK:

Career Options

- Attorney
- Legal Journalist
- Legal Assistant / Paralegal
- Politician
- FBI Agent
- Prison/Court Official
- Teaching

Suggested Courses:

- 50:790:343 Administrative Law and Public Policy
- 50:790:346 Urban Legal Problems
- 50:790:371 Classical Political Theory
- 50:790:372 Modern Political Theory
- 50:790:381 Judicial Process
- 50:790:387 International Law And Organization
- 50:790:401 American Constitutional Development
- 50:790:409 Law and American Civilization
- 50:790:414 The Supreme Court as a Political Institution
- 50:790:442 Human Freedoms and the Constitution
2. GOVERNMENT SERVICE/ PRIVATE ADMINISTRATION TRACK

Career Options

Civil Service: Federal, State, And Local
Program Development Officer
Community Relations Director
Community Action Specialist
Advocacy Groups, Public, and Private
Urban Planning
Banking: Loan Officer
Underwriter
Administration of Schools / Colleges
Teaching

Suggested Course:

50:790:205 American State and Local Government
50:790:211 Introduction to Comparative Politics
50:790:305 Government and Politics of Western Europe
50:790:307 Public Policy Analysis
50:790:308 New Jersey Politics
50:790:316 Comparative Public Policy
50:790:323 The Legislative Process
50:790:328 Comparative Politics of Developing Nations
50:790:330 Comparative Politics of Eastern Europe
50:790:331 Urban Policy and Economic Development
50:790:332 Urban Political Systems
50:790:340 Urban Planning
50:790:342 Principles of Public Administration
50:790:363 Politics of Intergovernmental Relations
50:790:456 Public Sector Personnel Policy

3. PROFESSIONAL / PRACTICAL POLITICS TRACK

Career Options

Political Campaign Consultant
Party Professional
Legislative Aide
Program Development Officer
Lobbyist/ Consumer Advocate
Political Journalist / Media
Political Polling and Research
Public Relations Specialist
Union Official
Consulting
Teaching

**Suggested Courses:**

50:790:215 Introduction to American Politics
50:790:242 Urban Social Ecology
50:790:296 Practical Politics
50:790:323 The Legislative Process
50:790:352 Voting and Opinion
50:790:391 Quantitative Methods in Political Science
50:790:397 Individual Internship in Political Science
50:790:407 The American Presidency
50:790:413 Political Methodology
50:790:447 Critical Issues in American Government

**4. INTERNATIONAL POLITICS**

**Sample Career Options:**

Political Risk Analyst
Export/Import Consultant
Government Service in State, Defense or CIA
Military Officer
Economic Development Analyst
Foreign Service Officer
International Banker
International Trade Specialist
International Relations Specialist
Teaching

**Suggested Courses:**

50:790:211 Introduction to International Politics
50:790:311 Government and Politics of Latin America
50:790:316 Government and Politics of Far East
50:790:320 Problems in Contemporary American Foreign Policy
50:790:322 Problems in Contemporary International Politics
50:790:324 World Communism
50:790:328 Comparative Politics of Developing Nations
50:790:330 Comparative Politics of Eastern Europe
50:790:333 The CIA and American Intelligence
50:790:335 Government and Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa
50:790:336 Government and Politics of the Middle East
50:790:337 Government and Politics of South and Southeast Asia
50:790:338 Government and Business in the International System
50:790:350 Violence, Revolution and Terrorism
50:790:380 Government and Politics of the Former Soviet Union
50:790:387 International Law and Organization
50:790:395 Formulation of American Foreign Policy
50:790:420 Seminar on War Peace
50:790:425 Modernization in the Third World
50:790:429 Seminar on Law and Development
50:790:469 Rich Nations/ Poor Nations
50:790:480 Radical Politics

5. GENERALIST TRACK

A political science degree is useful in a wide variety of areas including business, law, politics, social service and education. It can be combined with an advanced degree in a related field. Whatever track you choose, remember that all careers require a wide range of demonstrative skills and accomplishments.

N.B: Of course, not all of these courses can be offered every semester. If you would like to focus on a particular course and it is not offered, you can work individually with an instructor of your choice. Select 50:790:460, 461 Topics in Political Science or 50:790:492 Readings in Political Science.

For students with a GPA’s of B or better, we also offer an HONORS PROGRAM

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