

POLITICAL SCIENCE | Bachelor of Arts or Science



FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FINAL YEAR



Cultivate

Make the most of your time on campus.

- Review general education requirements
- Take introductory POSC courses
- Attend long term planning meeting with your advisor
- Choose a minor and/or concentration

- Complete POSC research methods coursework
- Select issue-area expertise
- Identify and connect with key faculty for letters of recommendation

- Start considering post-graduate work or career plans.
- Identify and connect with key faculty for letters of recommendation
- Consider enrolling in MPA 4+1

- Work with an advisor to ensure course requirement completion
- Consider publishing or presenting your work at professional outlets
- Apply to graduate

What are popular minors?

- Legal studies
- Criminal justice
- Business administration
- Nonprofit leadership
- Cluster life sciences
- Nonprofit leadership
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish studies
- Youth development studies



Engage

with the world and community around you.

- Attend Tiger Prowl
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair
- Discover extracurricular activities
- Participate in career-oriented clubs

- Explore Creative Inquiry (CI) classes for research experience
- Study abroad
- Consider an internship
- Participate in career-oriented clubs

- Network with Clemson alumni and other working professionals
- If you qualify, join Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society
- Become an Undergrad Methods Mentor (UMM)

- Take advantage of Career Center opportunities
- Attend an alumni networking event

Example employers:

- Federal, state and local government
- Nonprofit organizations
- Policy issue consulting firms
- Advocacy coalitions
- Academic institutions



Prepare

to use the skills you have learned after you leave Clemson.

- Shadow people in your field of interest or consider professional certifications
- Explore issue areas you might specialize in
- Meet with career services about on-campus or summer opportunities

- Consider which faculty might be a good mentor for your career goals
- Take on a leadership role
- Create resume and follow up with job leads

- Assess skills and experience gaps
- Begin culminating projects, portfolios or presentations
- Propose an independent project for a faculty member to mentor

- Assess skills and experience gaps
- Do mock interviews, edit resume and connect with POSC on LinkedIn
- Apply for jobs or graduate school

What skills do employers want?

- Ability to conceptualize and implement projects
- Ability to solve problems and make decisions
- Ability to adapt
- Ability to think critically
- Ability to present ideas and data clearly
- Ability to interpret
- Ability to work in a team
- Knowledge of ethical behavior

What skills does this major teach?

- How to navigate political, economic, cultural and historical contexts around the world
- How to identify community and constituent needs
- How to design policy and advocate for change
- How to analyze and communicate complex data to varied audiences

Potential fields or careers after graduation:

- Systems analyst
- Legislative aide
- Legal investigator
- Policy specialist
- Foreign service officer
- Public affairs officer
- News analyst
- Lawyer
- Strategist
- City manager or urban policy planner
- Lobbyist
- Public affairs reporter
- Public relations specialist

Some schools our students attend next:

- Clemson University
- Emory University
- Georgetown University, London School of Economics
- Medical College of Georgia
- University of Georgia
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of North Greenville
- Duke University
- University of South Carolina
- University of North Carolina
- IE University, Madrid, Spain
- American University, Athens, Greece
- Presbyterian College
- New York University