Political Science

Political science is a practical and interesting major or minor because it provides a strong academic preparation for many different occupations and career paths because politics connects to a range of policies and issues that affect society. Everything is political or affected by policy! Like other disciplines within the Liberal Arts, Political Science provides an excellent training in skills that employers seek, such as critical thinking, data analysis, and effective written and oral communication. See how some of our alumni highlighted by our College (https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/about/what-can-you-do-with-a-liberal-arts-degree.html) have used their degrees in private business or government. We are dedicated to providing an excellent education that will prepare students for a variety of careers and lifelong success. Our alumni go on to careers in many areas, such as the following:

- Lawyer
- Judge
- Paralegal
- Political Official/Representative
- Law Enforcement (Federal, State, Local)
- State & Local Government
- Journalism
- Diplomatic Service Government
- College Professor
- Graduate School (MA & Ph.D.)
- Non-profit organizations
- Business
- Community Organizing

Programs

Master of Arts

- M.A. in Political Science (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/political-science-ma/)
- Master of Public Administration (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/master-of-public-administration/)

Graduate Certificate

- Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/grad-cert-nonprofit-admin/)
- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Political Science (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-liberal-arts/political-science/grad-cert-teaching-political-science/)
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