

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE

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#### ADVISING

Students who are declared or interested in the Political Science certificate have numerous advising resources available to them. The Political Science advising team is composed of professional and peer advisors who are excited to talk with students about everything from academic planning to professional development for future careers. Information on the advising team, how to contact an advisor, and how to schedule an appointment hours can be found on this website (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/politicalsciencecertificate/>).

#### INTERSHIPS

The Department of Political Science recognizes the importance of internships in helping students develop professional skills and explore potential career paths. Positions can vary depending on availability and students' interests, but recent sponsors have included the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, Sierra Club, and numerous nonprofit, media, lobbyist, and policy organizations in Wisconsin and throughout the country. Please see our internship board (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/internship-board/>) for examples of the wide array of opportunities. Political Science certificate students can also get academic credit in conjunction with an internship by taking POLI SCI 315 Legislative Internship.

#### ALUMNI MENTORING

Like internships, networking can be a valuable tool in opening professional doors and learning more about the professional value of the Political Science certificate. The department often matches students with alumni mentors drawn from our Board of Visitors (<https://polisci.wisc.edu/board-of-visitors/>) and other graduates who can help them get started building a professional network, answer questions about a specific field, provide guidance in applying for jobs or preparing for interviews, and provide general career advice.

#### SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience, and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)

- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students