

# Political Science

**Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Political Science graduates?**

Billings Mediation Center	Political Campaigns	Immigration Law of Montana
Law Firms	MT Legal Services Association	MaxSent, LLC
Western Skies Strategies	Yellowstone GOP	Billings Chamber of Commerce

**What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals working in the Political Science field?**

Occupation	Annual wage range in MT	Potential lifetime earnings**
Public Relations Specialist	\$46,300 – 63,040	\$66,750 x 39 = \$2,603,250
Fundraiser	\$60,470 - \$64,490	\$64,160 x 39 = \$2,502,240
Meeting and Event Planner	\$39,840 - \$51,130	\$56,920 x 39 = \$2,219,880
Paralegal	\$56,480 – 59,810	\$60,970 x 39 = \$2,377,830

\*\* Based on the 2023 state mean and national median wage of occupations in accordance to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings is national median wage over 39 years.

**What percentage of Political Science graduates report having a job after graduating?**

Out of the 75% of 2024 Political Science graduates that we received grad data on, **100% reported being employed\* after graduation.**

\* Employment includes employed in major, not in major, continuing ed or military

**Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:**

- Attorney
- Diplomat / Foreign Service Officer
- Political Affairs Officer
- Policy Analysis

**Not sure if Political Science is for you?**

**1.** Take an introductory class in the program such as Intro to American Government! Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

**2.** Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



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## Overview of the Political Science program:

Political science is not only for those seeking a career in public service or those committing to focus on law school, but this degree is highly sought after from employers in the private and public sector. Students will learn to have exceptional analytical skills with a thorough understanding of social science.

Our skill-oriented program at Montana State University Billings, prepares students for citizenship roles in community and national affairs. We provide a coherent knowledge of politics, government, and public affairs while securing a broad liberal arts and sciences education with resume worthy internship prospects and personal faculty engagement.

Upon graduation, graduates will be able to utilize qualitative and quantitative methods used in the social sciences to answer questions and to investigate social and political problems. Students will develop critical thinking skills which enables them to understand and evaluate rival theories, interpretations, and arguments.

## What makes your program unique?

An annual tradition for the PSCI 342 Media, Public Opinion, Polling course is to conduct a statewide telephone survey. These questions range from which candidates the respondents would vote for to the urgency of current issues.

## What students like most about the Political Science program:

What students like most about the Political Science program is the flexibility of the program and the focus on skill development.



Program Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/class/nams/PolSci.htm>

