Dear Student,

Greetings from Univariety!

Good to see that you are interested in Political Science. Political science is a social science discipline that deals with systems of government, and the analysis of political activity and political behavior. It deals extensively with the theory and practice of politics which is commonly thought of as determining the distribution of power and resources.

Some of the subjects covered in Political Science course for under graduation are:

Introduction to Political Theory

Indian Government and Politics

Comparative Government and Politics

Administration and Public Policy

Introduction to International Relations

The scope of Political Science:

Political Scientists study political systems and strive to discover the trends that shape one’s identity. They conduct surveys to find out people’s opinion on political issues; others use matter to analyze election results. They study the way people organize their societies, whether it’s a neighborhood, community or nations. Career options in this field were too narrow earlier, mostly limited to the academic field alone. But now the scenario has changed and there are a lot of opportunities in central and state government services also. You could choose to be a political analyst, join the civil service, serve in the Indian Foreign service and even teach at the college or university level. They can also opt political journalism as a career choice.

Career options

· Law - People who fully understand the nature and meaning of constitutions, rulings and regulations often pursue political science and law can go on to law school and become attorneys because of their deep desire for justice and making positive changes in the world. A graduate in political science can often pursue a political science career as a judge. The knowledge gained in their studies can help them place themselves in a position of power from appointments with mayors, governors and even presidents.

· Teaching- Teaching is another popular profession for Political Science students. A substantial majority of political scientists teach in Colleges at the Bachelor’s level, or at university graduate departments and management institutes. Depending on the institution for which they work, political scientists have the choice between teaching and researching.

· Research - Research is the next main career option within Political Science related to teaching. Many teaching positions, particularly in the universities but also in colleges, Information Technology Institutes, Management Institution require research activities. One can do research in a variety of employment settings-in a university, institute, business or industrial firm, N.G.O. or even in the non-profit or advocacy sector. There are some premier Universities and research institutions in India which need Research Analysts/Research Fellows/Research Associates for carrying out policy relevant projects. Individuals with specialized knowledge of public policy and survey analysis can find jobs in these universities and research institutes. In addition to teaching and researching, political scientists write books and articles based on their studies.

· Political Journalism - Being a political journalist is also an attractive option. Political science graduates choose to become involved in print, television or radio journalism, where they apply their expert understanding of political systems to create reports about current events. Political scientists might cover elections, conduct interviews, or attend press conferences where they often have the opportunity to ask questions. Political science graduates can also join the media as political correspondent/analyst/ researcher.

· Civil Service - This is possibly the most popular choice of many political science students. The study of political science enables you to understand governance and how it functions, as well as a detailed knowledge of public administration, political theory, and philosophy that can help you in a career in government. After passing IAS exam one can enter into a career in the civil service sector.

· Administrative Services - At central and state government level there are various options in administrative services. After taking competitive exams one can join IAS, IPS, IFS and allied fields in central level. The state administrative jobs include BDO, Tehsildar, and many other important positions. Many are engaged in urban planning, health planning and in criminal justice systems.

· Political advisors - Political advisors are political science experts who work alongside politicians and government officials, helping them make important decisions in a number of different situations.

· International Relations - With a background in law, public administration and communications, political science graduates are best suited for such a career.

We hope the above information has helped you achieve clarity with regards to your query. Below please rate your level of satisfaction with this response. Also feel free to write to us if you have any further queries.

Cheers!

Team Univariety