



# Your Degree What Next: Political Science

## What can I do with my Degree?

There are careers for which a demonstrated interest in politics and advanced research skills are a definite plus and will give you a real head start. Journalism, finance, the civil service, public relations, business, and work in international organisations and not-for-profit organisations, all come into this category. In addition, Political Science students develop exceptional communication, writing and critical thinking skills which are highly sought after by employers.

Below are some examples of the roles that graduates are in 9 months after graduating.

### Roles

Project Consultant  
Legal Executive  
Research Associate  
Freelance Journalist  
Associate Partner Manager  
Grad Management Consultant

### Employers

MantisBV, Amsterdam  
Colleary & Co.  
Boardsource, Washington DC  
The Sunday Times  
Amazon  
Accenture

Each year some graduates also opt to pursue a research career in Political Science, beginning with postgraduate study in Ireland or abroad.

Some of the other areas that recent graduates have progressed onto further study in include: Conflict Studies, Development Studies, European Studies, Finance, Management, Public Policy.

## Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

### Resources

gradireland (IE)  
Targetjobs (UK)  
Prospects (UK)  
Vault Career Insider (Global)

### Professional Bodies

Political Studies Association of Ireland  
Association of Professional Political Consultants  
World Association of Non-Governmental Organisations

## Graduate attributes and transferrable skills you can develop at Trinity

You gain a wide range of skills and attributes while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain :

**1. Critical Thinking** - The most fundamental part of a university education is learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

**2. Teamwork** - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas, analyse information and present a coherent group argument.

**3. Independent Research** - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

**4. Logical argumentation** - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific ques-

**5. Time and project management** - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

**6. Verbal communication** - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

**7. Written communication** - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

**8. Digital Skills** - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

**9. Personal Development** – You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

### How can the Careers Service help me?

The Careers Advisory Service supports students in exploring their career options and connects students with employers. You can book an appointment with your careers consultant to help you deciding your next step in your career.

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