

## 2016-2017 Graduating Senior Survey: School of Public and International Affairs Political Science Major

### INSTRUCTIONS:

All graduating seniors in Political Science are being asked to complete this survey. The program is very interested in your opinions, and believes that as a graduating senior you can provide us with useful information to help evaluate and improve its programs. We appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions.

To answer a question, click on the bubble for the answer you are choosing. Once you have answered all the questions, you must hit the **SUBMIT** button at the end of the form to submit your answers.

### Political Science Program Questions

<b>1. What was the most important factor to you in selecting your major in political science?</b>
<input type="radio"/> Preparation for a career you want
<input type="radio"/> The classes seemed interesting
<input type="radio"/> Your parents/family thought it would be a good major for you
<input type="radio"/> Another preferred major was not available
<input type="radio"/> It seemed easy to get through
<input type="radio"/> Other ( <i>please describe</i> ) <input type="text"/>

<b>2. Which of the following best describes your plans for after graduating from NC State?</b>
<input type="radio"/> Continue in your current position of employment ( <i>answer question 3</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Start work full-time ( <i>answer question 3</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Join or continue in the military
<input type="radio"/> Get an advanced degree in political science
<input type="radio"/> Go to law school
<input type="radio"/> Go to graduate/professional school in something other than political science or law
<input type="radio"/> Travel
<input type="radio"/> Take some time off to consider what you want to do next
<input type="radio"/> Other ( <i>please describe</i> ) <input type="text"/>

***Please answer if you plan on working full-time after graduation.***

<b>3. In which sector do you plan on working after graduation?</b>
<input type="radio"/> Non-profit ( <i>please answer question 4</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Private
<input type="radio"/> Government (local, state or federal)

Other (please specify)

**Please answer if you plan on working for a non-profit after graduation.**

**4. What is the mission of the non-profit for which you plan on working? (mark all that apply)**

Advocacy

Direct service

Education

Other (please specify)

**All answer**

**5. Which of the following best describes what you are most likely to work in as a career in the future? I.e., What are your long-term goals?**

Law

Business

Journalism

Public policy

Campaign management

Teaching/Education

International affairs

Military

Elected office

Federal government

State/local government

Non-profit

Other (please describe)

**6. To what extent have your studies in political science helped you to identify your career goals?**

A great deal

Somewhat

A little

Not at all

**7. Did you have a political science internship?**

Yes (please answer question 8)

No

**8. To what extent did your internship influence your career choice?**

A great deal

Somewhat

A little

Not at all

**9. During your academic career at NC State did you perform any volunteer work for a charitable or other non-profit organization either in the Triangle of your home community?**

Yes

No

**10. Following your graduation from NC State how likely is it that you will perform any volunteer work for a charitable or other non-profit organization?**

Very likely

Somewhat likely

Not very likely

Not at all likely

11. About how many hours per week did you work in a paid position <u>off-campus</u> during each of the following academic years while school was in session?	None did not work for pay off campus	1-5 hrs	6-10 hrs	11-15 hrs	16-20 hrs	21-25 hrs	26-30 hrs	31-35 hrs	36-40 hrs	more than 40 hrs
a. Freshman year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Sophomore year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Junior year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Senior year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**12. In which of the following activities did you participate while at NC State? (mark all that apply)**

Student Legislature

Student Government

Social/Service fraternity or sorority

Academic Honor Society

Model United Nations

Mock Trial

Pi Sigma Alpha

Society for Politics, Economics & Law (SPEL)

Political Science Club

Other NC State-affiliated organization (please list)

**13. Since first becoming a Political Science major at NC State, over the years you would say you have...**

<input type="radio"/> Become more progressive
<input type="radio"/> Become more conservative
<input type="radio"/> Become more libertarian
<input type="radio"/> Experienced no real change in your outlook

<b>14. To what extent has your experience in the Political Science program provided you with a broader and deeper understanding of each of the following political issues?</b>	<b>A great deal</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>A little</b>	<b>Not at all</b>
a. American intervention in foreign countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. American foreign aid to other countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Marriage equality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Affirmative action	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Legalization and regulation of marijuana	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Gun safety laws	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Abortion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Judicial elections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>15. As a Political Science major, how confident do you feel debating public policy with those having a point of view different from your own?</b>
<input type="radio"/> Very confident
<input type="radio"/> Somewhat confident
<input type="radio"/> Not very confident
<input type="radio"/> Not at all confident

<b>16. To what extent have your Political Science courses helped you to develop the following competencies or abilities?</b>	<b>A great deal</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>A little</b>	<b>Not at all</b>
a. Critical thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Writing critically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Reading comprehension	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Strategic thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Effective oral communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Quantitative analysis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Collaborative decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Tolerance for different points of view	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>17. What is your current age?</b>
<input type="radio"/> Under 20
<input type="radio"/> 21
<input type="radio"/> 22
<input type="radio"/> 23
<input type="radio"/> 24 or over

**18. When you are not at NC State, where is your home?**

Outside of North Carolina

North Carolina Mountains

North Carolina Piedmont

North Carolina Coast

**19. How would you describe your home area?**

Urban

Suburban

Rural

**20. If you were entering college today, explain why you would or would not choose Political Science as a major.**

**Departmental Surveys**

Thank you for completing this survey for your Program! If you have not already completed additional questions for another major you will be graduating with from NC State, and that major department is listed below, please select it then click on the submit button to go to the additional questions for that department. Otherwise, select "None" and click on the submit button to submit your responses to this survey.

**Department:**

None of These

Agricultural and Extension Education

Agricultural and Resource Economics

Animal Science

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

When you are satisfied with all your answers on this page, click on the "Submit" button to go to the next one.

Submit

**If you do not see a college/department survey or a "Thank you" message after you click on the "submit" button, your survey results were not saved.** You can use your browser's "back" button to return to this page and submit again, re-enter your answers at another time, or let us know about the problem at (919) 515-4184 or [studentsurveys@ncsu.edu](mailto:studentsurveys@ncsu.edu).

**Thank you for your time and assistance!**



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